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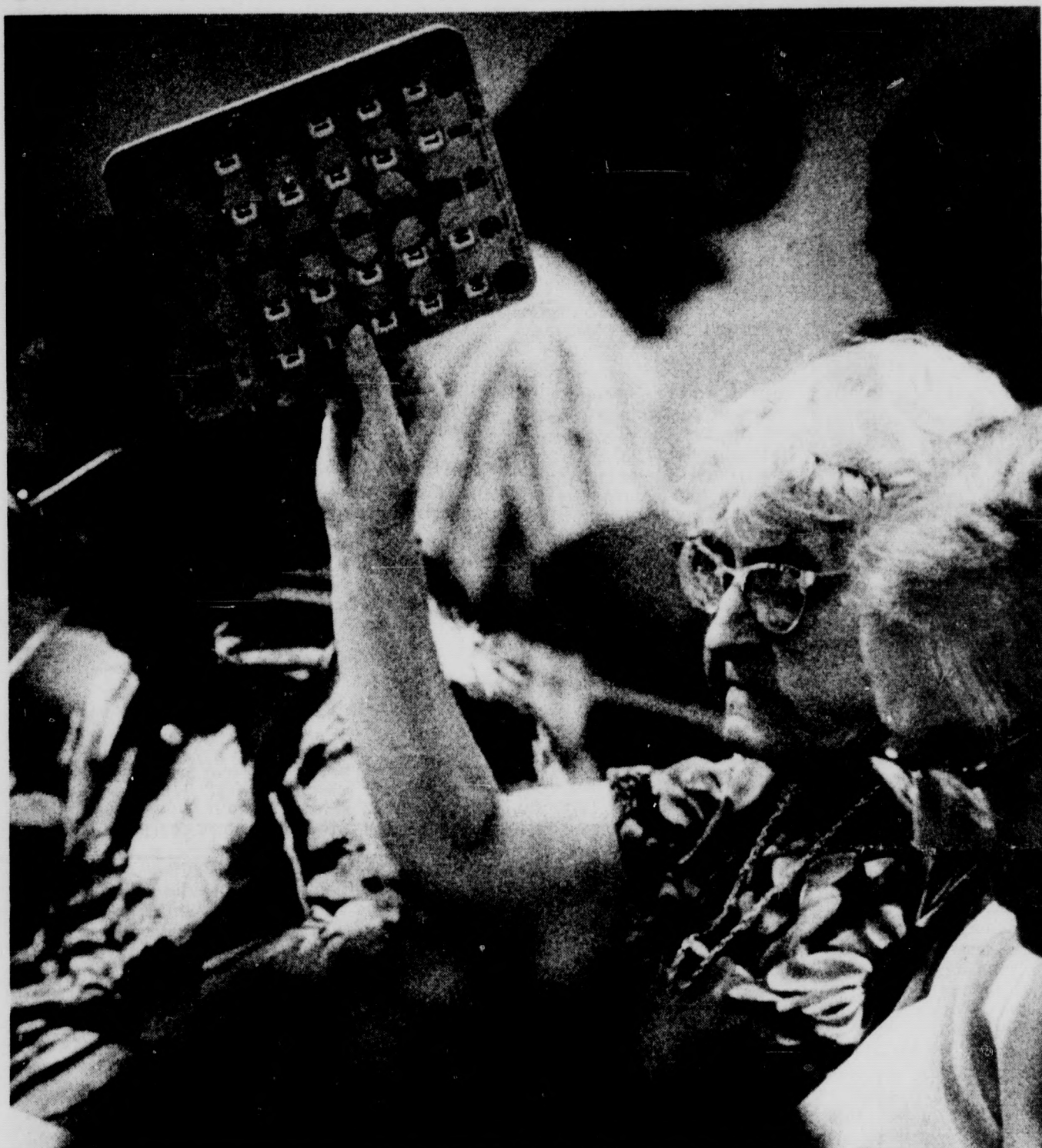
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Raiders win a thriller in overtime

Ken Stabler hit tight end Dave Caspar with a 10-yard touchdown pass in the second overtime period to give the Oakland Raiders a 37-31 victory over the Baltimore Colts yesterday. Stabler passed for 345 yards and the Raiders came from behind several times in the sudden-death thriller in Baltimore. The victory sent the Raiders into the American Football Conference championship game New Year's Day against the winner of the Pittsburgh-Denver playoff game.

For details, see Sports



She's a winner

No crooks, these people. Bingo ordinances were passed throughout the valley this fall, allowing churches and charitable groups previously playing "under cover" to start the new year with a fresh conscious.

Superintendent's post

Pleasanton trustees ponder Newlin move

Big district in southland lures official

Trustees of the Amador and Pleasanton school districts are expected to schedule a joint session on or before Jan. 11 to act on Superintendent Bruce Newlin's resignation tendered last Tuesday and determine if he might be released from his contract to take the top job with the vastly larger Norwalk-LaMirada Unified School District by mid-February.

Newlin's prospective departure from the position he has held 3½ years was initially revealed via an article in The Times on Dec. 8.

Several districts have been in contact with Newlin over the past year but the Norwalk-LaMirada district, located on the southwestern edge of Los Angeles County, has been eying the 43-year old former Lancaster schools chief since late November.

School board presidents Dr. Geraldine Donaldson (Amador) and Betty Nostrand (Pleasanton) both learned of Newlin's decision to accept the position in the 25,000-student district via a phone call from him Tuesday.

Neither had had sufficient time, in the milieu of holiday activities, to determine an exact meeting date to deal with Newlin's decision and request to report to Norwalk-LaMirada by mid-February.

The respective school boards would also have to consider an interim appointment if Newlin is released from his contract so he might begin his new duties in February.

Newlin was not available for comment as he reportedly left on a skiing vacation to Mammoth in Southern California Tuesday.

Both boards have been aware of contacts made by other districts and have also known Newlin had met with superintendent search committees from other districts in the state.

Neither board president would speculate on what action might be taken, though a district press release issued Friday morning made it plain that both board leaders were resigned to losing Newlin.

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Sharon Woods, held in a Mexican jail for 21 months, prefers the environment at the federal jail near Pleasanton.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL MACOR

Freed convict tells of Mexican ordeal

Sharon Woods will not soon forget the 21 months she spent in a Mexican jail on drug charges that were never brought before a court of law.

The Ann Arbor, Michigan resident was one of many Americans released from Mexican jails earlier this month after an exchange treaty finally scaled mounds of red tape. She now awaits word of her future in the Federal Correctional Center in Pleasanton.

She was arrested on suspicion of possessing cocaine, which carries a minimum sentence of seven years regardless of the amount. More than a year passed before the charges against her were read.

"You're in Mexico now — you have no rights," was the first thing they told us when we were taken to jail," she said while standing in the modernistic setting of the Pleasanton jail facility.

"This place is like the Hilton, compared to where I was," she says with a sweeping gesture.

American prisoners in Mexico were forced to buy their own mattresses for 50 pesos or slept on the floor. Beans and rice were pushed into cells once a day. Mexicans constantly taunted and beat the Americans, she said, because they were thought to have money.

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Bingo buffs bust '78 bubble

Pleasanton, the last hold-out in the valley, will be a legal haven for bingo fanatics come January.

Once the ordinance passed Nov. 29 goes into effect, the simple game traditionally played by churches, charitable groups and sweet old la-

dies can no longer be called "illegal gambling."

Leading the way for bingo enthusiasts was the passage of an assembly bill in 1976 and later broadened this past July. The bill gave cities and counties the option of allowing

the game in their communities. Alameda County and Livermore quickly approved bingo ordinances and finally Pleasanton is joining the club.

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Good rains, but lakes still low

Rainfall for the season beginning Oct. 1 is at or above normal, but effects of the three-year drought continue to linger.

Pleasanton has recorded almost eight inches of rain this season, which is 125 percent of normal. Other areas have recorded similar amounts — Niles, six inches, or 107 percent of normal; Hayward, 5.5 inches, 97 percent of normal; Castro Valley, 7.6 inches, or 116 percent of normal.

While these figures are encouraging, it will take another year of normal rain to ease Northern California out of the drought, says Mun Mar, general manager of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Current rains will increase water levels in Del Valle Reservoir in Livermore and San Antonio Reservoir near Pleasanton, Mar says, but not enough to make a big dent in the drought's effects.

Levels of water in the Valley's underground reservoirs have stabilized or risen slightly this season. This puts the Valley in better shape than most communities who have no wells to depend upon.

Valley residents used 25 percent less water in 1977 than they did the previous year, preliminary reports show.

Weather

A chance of showers in the Valley today. Little temperature change. Highs in the 50s. Lows in the 40s. Variable winds to 15 miles-per-hour.

City manager reports

Growth needed as tax base

PLEASANTON — Ominous warnings of higher property taxes or lower city services were foretold Friday when city manager Clay Brown released a report indicating what might happen if the valley waste water export pipeline was halted and, along with it, commercial and industrial growth.

Brown's report was released during the second week of the seemingly successful CARD Committee's signature drive, intended to place an initiative forcing the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA) pipeline issue back before voters in March.

"The LAVWMA pipeline is a critical element in obtaining additional (sewage) capacity which will in turn provide opportunities for commercial and industrial development," wrote Brown.



Clay Brown

The state has mandated the valley stop dumping its a salty treated effluent into Alameda Creek or face a continued freeze on sewage expansion. The LAVWMA pipeline would carry effluent out to the San Francisco Bay. Voters turned down the pipeline a year ago November, but LAVWMA board members revised their joint powers agreement allowing them to go ahead with the similar project, saying it was necessary for valley development.

According to the city manager, residential property taxes provide 76 percent of the total \$2.8 million collected this year, with commercial and industrial businesses making up the remaining 24 percent in property taxes. He claimed the city tax rate would be 42 cents higher than the

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Look of Christmas



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Times closed Monday

Offices of The Times newspaper will be closed tomorrow for the holiday. Regular business operations resume Tuesday morning.

A Valley boy's memorial

A community's tribute to a small boy lost in a tragic street accident will be preserved in the Tony Thomas Bike Path. Tony's family gives a final accounting of that memorial fund, together with a warm Christmas wish for all those who remembered. Turn to page 6 in today's Times.

Best decorated homes

For the third holiday season, the Pleasanton Jaycees have awarded homeowners in the Christmas Home Decorating Contest.

Top prize went to Robert Forman at 7109 Valley Trails Drive. It was the second time the home has won the civic award.

Second prize went to Robert Bradley, 2273 Camino Brazos.

Three homes at 1899 Greenwood Road, shared the third place prize.

For photos, see page 16.



New odor damper

In true cover-up style, Pleasanton capped the odor problem at the Sunol Sewage Plant early Friday. The bubble seen dwarfing workers is barely two-thirds its final size once completely blown up. Costing \$9,200, it covers the plant's trickling filter

system and captures any smell emanating from the system. Heavy winds ripped apart the original bubble over a month ago, but officials say this one is sturdier and comes with a three-year guarantee.

Livermore police nab CCC robbery suspects

WALNUT CREEK — Three Peninsula men were arrested in Livermore Friday night after a high-speed chase that allegedly ended a robbery spree in Concord and Walnut Creek.

The three being held in county jail on suspicion of armed robbery are Roger Mayberry, 31, 239 Dumbarton Drive, Redwood City; Ronald Price, 20, 1383 Carlton Drive, Menlo Park; and Henry A. Lowe, 20, 710 Hamilton Drive, Menlo Park.

Police said two men walked into the Safeway Store at 2060 Monument Blvd., Concord, about 5:30 p.m. and emptied a cash register at gunpoint. The amount taken is unknown. The two jumped in a car and sped away, according

to police, but witnesses jotted down the license number.

Police believe the same trio held up Ralph's Market, 1372 S. California Blvd., Walnut Creek, about

Coloring test pegs winners

Allied Brokers in Pleasanton has announced the winners in its recent coloring contest. The \$20 first prize went to 10-year old Christine Horn. Second prize of \$15, to Anna Esquivel, age 8.

Five-year old Chrissy Penny took third place and \$10, and Joshua Pero, 3, finished fourth to earn \$5.

Teen ward of court dies after complaint

SAN LEANDRO (AP) — A 14-year-old ward of the Alameda County Juvenile Court died of peritonitis five days after he complained of feeling ill and a county doctor diagnosed possible influenza, officials said Saturday.

The diagnosis was made following an examination Monday after Casey A. Barnett had said he felt sick, a coroner's investigator said.

Bank reports holdup loss at \$1,170

Bank examiners have set losses from Thursday's holdup at Valley Bank in Dublin at \$1,170, according to branch manager Tim Baldwin.

A lone male, armed with a small handgun, robbed the bank at closing time then fled on foot. He was described as in his 40's, six feet tall with dark hair, wearing a brown western-style jacket, dark pants and an off-white cowboy hat.

Alameda County sheriff's deputies and the FBI have circulated a composite drawing of the suspect.

tor said. He was pronounced dead on arrival Friday morning at Fairmont Hospital here, officials said.

"We're certain of the peritonitis," said Roland Pahl, coroner's chief investigator. "We still have to decide what caused it."

He was the son of Elvy Andis, who lives in Union City with her husband, Marion Andis.

A final report on the official cause of death was expected around the middle of the week after the completion of pathology tests, said Pahl.

A preliminary examination indicated inflammation and infection in the abdominal cavity, probably due to a ruptured appendix, he said, adding that the symptoms of stomach flu and peritonitis are very similar.

The youngster had been held for the last 10 days in the Snedigar Cottage, part of San Leandro County juvenile facilities, while he awaited transfer to a foster home.

Barnett, under the care of a nurse at the facility, appeared normal when last checked at 2:30 a.m. Friday. When he "failed to respond" about 5½ hours later, he was taken to the nearby hospital, coroner's officials said.



Supt. Bruce Newlin

School board considers loss of district chief

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"We regret losing Dr. Newlin at this time," said Dr. Geraldine Donaldson. "We realized he was on his way up when we hired him and could not hope to keep him for very long. We feel he was a good choice, even recognizing his stay in our district might be short, and since he has carried forward the participative system of management started by Rudy Gatti."

"I'm obviously sorry to see Dr. Newlin go," added Mrs. Nostrand, elementary district board president. "He has been an excellent administrator, and I wish him well in the challenge ahead in Norwalk-LaMirada."

Newlin recently received an increase in salary from \$37,000 to \$39,000, retroactive to July 1, and will receive an initial salary of \$44,000 with Norwalk-LaMirada.

Norwalk-LaMirada has been searching for a replacement for Dr. Maury Ross since September. Ross went to Newport Mesa as superintendent.

The Los Angeles County district originally planned to have a new superintendent in office by this month but, according to a district spokesman contacted by The Times 2½ weeks ago, they were now shooting for Feb. 1.

A memo distributed by

the teachers association of the district Dec. 8 referred to a "fumbling search finally coming to an embarrassing end."

The memo alleged that the Norwalk-LaMirada board had "informally decided to hire Dr. Bruce C. Newlin as the new superintendent."

Acting Norwalk-LaMirada superintendent Bruce Butler reportedly escorted Newlin on a tour of the district Monday, Dec. 5 and that district's board and Newlin reportedly met informally in mid-December at a state school administrators conference in San Francisco.

The memo further contended Newlin will receive a three-year contract with an initial annual salary of approximately \$43,000, a district-owned car, and "other significant side benefits."

The Southern California district's board apparently acted to appoint Newlin Thursday after earlier receiving his acceptance.

Norwalk-LaMirada, like Pleasanton and Amador, is facing declining enrollment, fiscal restrictions "and the problems related to being in a metropolitan area," according to Newlin.

The local press release from the office of community liaison specialist Jerri Long says that Newlin has indicated trustees may

choose to appoint an interim superintendent during the second semester, as the search for his successor is likely to take several months.

When Rudy Gatti resigned in late May of 1974 to accept the top position in Santa Clara, the late Tom Hart, then an assistant superintendent, was named interim superintendent.

The next regularly-scheduled meetings of the Amador and Pleasanton school boards are Jan. 10 and 11.

—by Al Fischer

Heritage Center aid

HAYWARD — The Dublin Heritage Center failed to get \$39,000 in federal Title VI funds at the ACAP/ACTEB governing board meeting last week.

They anti-poverty agency's board funded many programs, but the heritage

center was so low on the priority list that it would have taken at least another \$200,000 in funds to reach down that far, according to ACAP/ACTEB Director for Planning and Contract Administration David Martinez.

The request by the heritage center would have hired seven persons to perform various jobs at the center. It's possible that if Congress votes more money for Title VI, the heritage center still will have a chance at funding.

Name of game-Bingo!

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Not that bingo was never played previously. There were loopholes through which one could still hold games. Churches vaguely called card prices "donations" and cities looked the other way. But now it is legal — with certain stipulations of course.

Only charitable groups with non-profit status, senior citizen clubs, mobile homeowner associations and other recreational groups can apply for a bingo permit under the state penal code, section 326.5. The recreational group category is broad, but all wish to hold games must apply for a permit from law enforcement officials — the police chief in the cities and

the sheriff in county areas. Here is a run-down on legal specifics for each valley area.

In the unincorporated county land, persons may appeal the sheriff's decision either granting or denying a permit to the board of supervisors. A county permit is valid for one year, but the sheriff has authority to revoke such a permit at any time. Absolutely no alcohol can be served in a game and no games can be played between 2 and 10 a.m. The county also has the right to audit an organization's records, ensuring proceeds are used for non-profit purposes.

Livermore and Pleasanton ordinances are quite

similar, except the latter doesn't allow bingo played between 2 and 10 a.m. Both basically follow state law which prohibits minors from playing, limits the total value of prizes played in one game to \$250, mandates that all games must be open to the general public and states that no one in an organization shall "receive profit, wage or salary from any game."

Permits costing a maximum of \$50 are granted by the police chief in both cities and can be revoked by the chief at any time. Alcohol can be served during games in either city.

Now, after swallowing all the legalities, valley residents can greet the bingo-studded new year.

Need pipeline for industry

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\$1.80 rate if those businesses didn't exist.

As an example of future contributions to the tax coffers, he cited the proposed Stoneridge Regional Shopping Center. The center is expected to give the city \$964,800 in tax revenue during the first year (now planned to be 1980) about \$1.5 by its fifth year of operation. It alone will add up to 53 cents more than the tax

rate of \$1.80, according to Brown.

Taubman company representatives say the only possible barrier to building the huge center would be lack of sewage capacity. And city officials say the LAVVMA pipeline is imperative to expanding sewage capacity in the near future.

Pleasanton has low per capita sales tax revenue compared with other cities in the Bay Area, with resi-

dential growth surging in the past ten years while commercial and industrial growth has lagged behind.

Development of over 2,000 acres of planned commercial or industrial land in town hinges on "construction of the LAVVMA pipeline or some other alternative," wrote Brown. And he intimates that delay of the pipeline to study alternatives — as CARD is urging — might influence business desiring to come into town now to stay out.

Woman praises Rep. Stark for prisoners' exchange

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"I had a lot of hair ripped out," she remembers. "I almost got strangled once. And the Mexican girls carried knives in their socks."

Forty American women were housed along with 400 Mexicans. One hundred fifty American men were down the street in the men's section.

"Authorities wouldn't let us talk to American lawyers. Mexican lawyers would take whatever money they could get 30,000 to \$60,000 — and we'd never see them again," Woods recounted.

She was finally sentenced to seven years in jail. When the prisoner exchange was announced, her files were misplaced and

she still can't document her release date to authorities. She is one of six Americans released from Mexican jails who are at the Pleasanton facility.

"There were people there who really were held unjustly. People were pushed through customs in a group — and if someone in the group had drugs, ev-

erybody was arrested." The 23-year-old Ohio native said Rep. Pete Stark, released from Mexican jails who are at the Pleasanton facility, was the only one of several government representatives who listened to prisoners' pleas. "Stark stood behind us the whole way," she said. "We really have to commend him."

—by Bill Cauble

Elizabeth Edwards

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Community

Housing books look better

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Housing Authority came out of a two-month audit in unexpectedly healthy condition, LHA commissioners learned this week.

Instead of being \$39,000 in the red, the agency actually was about \$27,000 in the black. With this good news, LHA executive director \$27,000 in the black. With this good news, LHA executive director to the commissioners by Jan. 17."

The financial situation began when the housing authority submitted a budget based on erroneous, unaudited figures. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rejected the budget as being too high, and the housing authority budget was cut to \$122,000.

This was achieved by an across-the-board 40 per cent cutback, Matthews teen activities, senior citizen events, special sports events, aquatic programs, clerical work and much more.

The Recreation Department will train and orientate those interested in participating in the program.

Those interested should call the Recreation Office at 828-7711.

A get-acquainted meeting for volunteers is scheduled for Jan. 4, 1978 at Shannon Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Rec dept. needs help

DUBLIN — The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Recreation Department is initiating a volunteer program and recruitment of volunteers has begun.

Children (minimum age 14), older teens, adults and senior citizens are encouraged to share their special skills, interests, hobbies and time with others in the district.

Examples of programs with which volunteers will be assisting are: teen activities, senior citizen events, special sports events, aquatic programs, clerical work and much more.

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New course starting

Pleasanton recreation department offers a Perceptual-Motor class Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 10 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Walnut Grove School.

Taught by Nancy Wulferdingen, an employee at the Valley View School and formerly with the Learning Disability Center in Walnut Creek, the course fee is \$12. Registration or further information can be obtained by calling the recreation department, 846-3202.

New arrivals

Thirteen new Valley residents including a pair of twins were welcomed into the world recently at Valley Memorial Hospital.

To Maureen E. and Dennis Lundbom of Santa Clara Way in Livermore, a boy Dec. 5; Margaret and Lindsay Marcom of Oak Brook Court in Pleasanton, a boy Dec. 6; Mary and Bill Chestnut of Erwood Street in San Ramon, a boy Dec. 6; Bonnie and Marinus DeJonge of De Vaca Way in Livermore, a girl Dec. 7; and to Lynn and Richard Kremer of Raven Road in Pleasanton, a girl Dec. 8.

To Genevieve and Paul Bechtel of James Street in Livermore, twin girls Dec. 9; Raelene and Patrick Silk of Tamarack Drive in Dublin, a girl Dec. 9; Joyce and Steve Smith of Stanford Way in Livermore, a boy Dec. 9; Dorothy and Joe Kennedy of South K Street in Livermore, a girl Dec. 11; and Patricia and William Davis of Pomace Court in Pleasanton, a boy Dec. 12.

Also to Ihsan and Nafeza Qutob of Chestnut Street in Livermore, a girl Dec. 12; Sarah and Robert Daves of Malbec Court in Pleasanton, a girl Dec. 13; and to Cynthia and George Brown of Nadine Street in Livermore, a girl Dec. 14.

Club's biggest addition

LIVERMORE — A twin-engine Cessna 310 has been added to the flight line of the Great American Flying Club, Inc. headquartered at Livermore Airport.

The flying club's President, Bob Jones, said the plane was acquired this week. The plane will be used for multi-engine flight training. But it will also be available to club members for business and/or pleasure use, Jones said.

The five-seated plane cruises "just over" 200 miles per hour, Jones indicated.

Three of the 32 Great American Flying Club, Inc. members have the necessary rating to give multi-engine instruction.

A Cessna 172 and Mooney 201 are on order, Jones said. When they are received, the club will have a total of six planes.

The other three Planes are Piper Cherokees. They are a Cruiser, a Warrior and Archer.

The Great American Flying Club consists of people wanting to learn to fly and those who are already licensed pilots.

The club was founded in 1976 by Jones who has been flying since 1968. Gary Anderson of Pleasanton is the club's chief pilot.



Bob Jones, president of the Great American Flying Club, Inc. stands before a twin-engine Cessna 310 recently acquired by the flying club.

members meet every other month.

For further information, Jones said to call 443-2688.

— by Sue Vogelsanger

Bay air defended

OAKLAND — Tom Quinn's accusation that the Ba Area Air Pollution Control District has hurt, not helped, the Bay Area smog picture is just so much hot

air, according to Alameda County Supervisor Fred Cooper.

Quinn, a member of the state Air Resources Board, said last week that the Bay Area's smog is better because of the Air Resources Board's work on auto emission sources.

Gas deadlock

WASHINGTON (AP) — The natural gas pricing deadlock which stalled congressional action this year on President Carter's energy program may scuttle his chances of getting a comprehensive energy bill next year.

A number of key congressmen say they doubt whether the natural gas stalemate can ever be broken, at least with the current makeup of Congress, and suggest the dispute may simply be dropped.

"We may not have a gas bill. I'm at wit's end as to where we go from here," said Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., whose effort to win support for a lastditch compromise was rejected 16-2 on Thursday by Senate energy conferees.

Stationary sources, which are the responsibility of BAAPCD, actually have become worse, said Quinn. He cited the Exxon refinery near Martinez as an example of what he meant. That refinery pours 20 per cent of the Bay Area's sulfur into the air, he said.

"Quinn is running for some office," said Cooper. "It illustrates Cooper's law, namely, defeat is an orphan, but victory has many fathers."

"If the plan works well, both BAAPCD and the state ARB should share in the credit," he explained.

Ted McHugh, staff per-

son for BAAPCD, told The Times that contrary to Quinn's allegation, there has been a definite reduction in stationary source pollutants over the years. He didn't have any exact figures at his fingertips, but the evidence is there, said McHugh.

Boom theory

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Those mysterious booms high in the sky off the Atlantic Coast could be caused by expoding gas bubbling up from underwater garbage dumps, says one scientist.

That is one theory. Others speculate that they are sonic booms or come from outer space.

New explosions were heard Wednesday night by several residents along the New Jersey coastline.

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8:00 **30** MARLO AND THE MAGIC MOVIE
 MACHINE
31 REX HUMBARD
32 MOVIE "Saul And David" 1968 Norman
 Wooland, Gianni Garko. Fighting
 against David and the Philistines,
 Saul tries to reassure himself that
 God is still with him. (2 hrs., 30 min.)
33 SESAME STREET
34 ORAL ROBERTS
35 MISS PAT'S PLAYROOM
36 JERRY FALWELL
37 LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTER
38 BUGS BUNNY AND POPEYE

8:30 **39** DOMINGO A DOMINGO
40 WESTBROOK HOSPITAL
41 KIDS NEWS CONFERENCE
42 NEW DIRECTIONS
43 ABUNDANT LIVING
44 ORAL ROBERTS
45 YOGA FOR HEALTH
46 DAY OF DISCOVERY
47 MEET THE PRESS Guest: Rev.
 Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of
 the University of Notre Dame.

9:00 **48** TELL A VISION
49 CBS SPECIAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
 "Razzmatazz"
50 MISTER ROGERS
51 CONVERSATION JR.
52 IT IS WRITTEN
53 LA VOZ DE LA RAZA
54 BRANT BAKER
55 MOVIE "A Dog Of Flanders" 1959
 David Ladd, Donald Crisp. Young
 Dutch boy and his lame grandfather
 find and care for a badly beaten dog.
 (2 hrs.)

56 THE BEST IS YET TO BE
57 FLINTSTONES
58 ORAL ROBERTS
59 CHRISTMAS AT THE
 WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL Live
 coverage of the Christmas Day
 services from the Washington Cathedral
 in Washington, D.C. (60 min.)

60 COMMUNITY CIRCLE
61 NBA BASKETBALL Buffalo Braves
 vs Cleveland Cavaliers
62 ZOOM
63 CONVERSATION
64 JIMMY SWAGGART
65 PROGRESO
66 RELIGIOUS TOWNHALL
67 THREE STOOGES
68 FUTOL-SOCCER
69 REX HUMBARD
70 FORUM

71 SESAME STREET
72 NBA BASKETBALL Buffalo Braves
 vs Cleveland Cavaliers
73 IT'S YOUR BUSINESS
74 GRACE WORSHIP HOUR
 RALPH WILKERSON AT
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75 LITTLE RASCALS
76 BEWITCHED
77 ALMA DE BRONCE
78 JABBERJAW-SCHOOL ROCK
79 BAY COUNTRIES DATEBOOK
80 FOCUS ON EDUCATION
81 DENNIS THE MENACE

82 MOVIE "In Society" 1944 Bud
 Abbott, Lou Costello. Two plumbers
 and a girl taxicab driver are mistaken
 for guests at a swank party. (90 min.)
83 IT IS WRITTEN
84 THE MARTIANS 1964 John Cull,
 Leonard Hicks. The people of Mars
 worry when their children become
 listless so they kidnap two Earth
 children and Santa Claus. (90 min.)

85 CHRISTMAS AT THE
 WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL Live
 coverage of the Christmas Day
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 in Washington, D.C. (60 min.)
86 GRAPE APE
87 INFINITY FACTORY
88 EN LA COMUNIDAD
89 VISION ON 3
90 CRIZZANTI CHRISTIANI

91 MOVIE "The Littlest Hobo" 1958
 London, the dog, Fleecie, the lamb.
 Hobo German Shepherd dog rescues
 a lamb from the slaughter house
 when his owner is forced by the
 orphanage to sell him. (2 hrs.)
92 ADDAMS FAMILY
93 OAKLAND BALLETT Pat McCormick
 hosts a glimpse into the
 characters of the Nutcracker Suite
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Activities fill the Valley's Christmas stocking

Times
Lifestyle

Editor: Carla Marinucci

Arline Butterfield
Marie Felde



(Above) Members of the Lynnewood Methodist Church in Pleasanton re-enacted the birth of Christ in this "living nativity scene." Shown here are Derreck Whitman, Tom Egan and Robbie Smith as the shepherds. Cindy Devore and her mother Carolyn were the angels while Joseph was played by Ken Devore, and Mary by Carol Edney. Ken Devore, Jr. portrayed the king.



Braden Bleything and Bobby Hewitt take a moment to check out the tree during the annual Christmas party at the Kinderkirk Preschool in Pleasanton. Party activities included making refreshments, viewing a nativity scene and decorating the tree.



It was a Christmas gift that really fit the bill at the Pleasanton Convalescent Home, as the Sunol Golf Club Nine Holers Group presented the facility with a big, handsome rocking chair for everyone to enjoy. Shown here, Dorrie McGallian and Rocco Caniglia enjoy the present.

(Below) Area Girl Scouts and their families went Christmas caroling at Mervyn's and surrounding shops in Dublin.





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Flowers-n-Things
The Gingham Corner
H & W Stationery
Glanville's Jewelry
Gingiss Formal Wear
Hair Affair



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from
The Grahams
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(the last three have four feet and bark)



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The Times

Editorial and Feature Page

John B. Edmands, Editor and Publisher

Our town

Let's face it. The place is far from perfect.

Local government has a way of stumbling forward and falling back these days that can really unnerve a person.

But at that, home rule looks pretty darned good when laid alongside the biggies in Sacramento and Washington.

Sure, there's nothing as frustrating as a local "public servant" who doesn't relate to your problem, your neighborhood.

Until you start adding up the frustrations that flow down from state and federal bureaus, or worse, between nations.

People are imperfect. That's for sure. The more of them you get

together, the larger the imperfection.

Which is one of the nice things about small cities, unincorporated villages. Our mistakes are no greater than the sum of us all.

We spend much of the year finding fault with ourselves, - our elected representatives. We call it "Democracy in action."

We ought to spend just a part of the year thinking about the good things, in my neighborhood, in my town.

This seemed like as good a day as any for that. For good thoughts, as the kids say.

Have a lot of good thoughts. Have a very Merry Christmas

... your newspaper

Our own good thoughts this season abound with the memory of your many kindnesses through the year, and most warmly expressed this past week in cards and wishes and even a few tasty treats.

It is not, however, on kind thoughts alone that an effective newspaper thrives. We must print hard news, often about harsh events; we must offer solid commentary, sometimes in conflict with your own argument.

That lively exchange was best expressed by Maria Hughes of Livermore, who sent us a very lovely card, and a very tough letter.

"To a newspaper that tries hard

to be unbiased and informative," said the note on that card. The letter tucked inside was less generous.

"I would like to see press releases that are devoid of distortions," this reader suggested, in a critique of our handling of a recent Amnesty International session. Maria Hughes then proceeds to offer her own forthright, documented comment on amnesty, Chilean style.

A kind word and a poke in the jaw. A great one - two Christmas messages from an informed reader who appreciates a good newspaper, but demands that we try even harder.

The week in retrospect

The almighty \$

About now, as you relax on this Christmas Day, the thought of "where it all went" - the money that is - may be coming into focus.

In a strictly general sense, what we have in purchasing power here at the local level is becoming more and more influenced by the policies and practices of state, federal and foreign governments.

The public school system is finding local control being eroded by state and federal mandates (Serrano decision, AB 65, and the various "Title" programs).

At the community level the result is increasingly a feeling, on the part of school boards, of being pinched between employee salary demands and material costs, and the necessity to carry out certain programs and laws.

The taxpayer, with or without children in the public school system, is primarily concerned with how far his dollar goes.

In addition to the domestic impact, our foreign trade stance has considerable bearing on how much you and I pay out or how far we can stretch the green backs.

While U.S. business is generally good, with corporate profits several billions higher than 1976, our gargantuan trade deficit, reputed to be \$30 billion by one south bay congressman, is a cause for concern.

The result is a lower value dollar overseas. The second, more insidious result is that foreign governments have indirect control over our affairs.

Primary reason for the trade deficit is American oil imports, which will run to \$45 billion this year, according to Congressman Don Edwards.

This is 41 per cent higher than 1976, Edwards claims, "and one more reason why we should enact President Carter's energy bill," opines the veteran San Jose

lawmaker.

Also adding to the trade deficit is the number of products sold overseas. Edwards says that last year the U.S. bought \$5.3 billion in foreign cars while exporting only \$189 million of American autos.

"Part of the problem," says Edwards, "is that we charge a tariff of only 3 per cent on foreign cars while Japan taxes American cars 6.4 per cent and the European nations 11 per cent. On a \$5,000 car, that adds \$550 to the price of an American car sold in Europe and \$320 in Japan."

Edwards wrote U.S. trade negotiator Robert Strauss several months ago, regarding this situation, and reportedly received assurances that Strauss would work toward reducing the tariff barriers by 40 per cent at the recently - concluded trade meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

Any such success would put a dent, but not a very big one, in our trade deficit.

The East Bay and Valley, but principally the south bay, are the centers of the electronic - semiconductor business in the United States.

A number of the above businesses have complained that their efforts to sell overseas are seriously harmed by needless delays in the export licensing process administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Several of the local concerns indicated that if the situation is not eased, they may move to Europe or Asia.

Which brings up another problem tied to the trade deficit, taxes and our purchasing power. That is one of skilled, moderate pay labor.

To get an indication of this situation, look at the manufacturing locations of some products in your garage, den, home or closet. You'll probably find more than a few foreign plant sites.

—By AL FISCHER

Letters to the Times

Drug concern

Editor, The Times:

I would like to thank you for your excellent editorial, December 16, - Drugs, Pipes, etc. Perhaps the community will be motivated to active concern about this urgent health problem - teenage drug abuse.

We as adults are indeed very much participants in our drug oriented society and therefore often threatened by honest appraisal of drug abuse. But, if we are truly concerned with the health and welfare of our children, we must not only be knowledgeable about drugs, but also be aware of the paraphernalia used for their abuse. To be able to effectively communicate with our children about this health problem, we must be able to "speak the language" with love, wisdom and authority.

Thank you again for your support and concern.

Helen Griffin Pleasanton

Chilean amnesty

Editor, The Times:

To-day's issue of the Times carried a press release from Amnesty International. While I have no time to argue with political philosophies, I would like to see press releases that are devoid of fact distortions.

Distortion: Fernando Alegria (chilean refugee) Fact: Alegria (a personal friend of my brother) has been in the states for twenty years or more, is a professor at Stanford University and a very wealthy man who has visited Chile since the military junta took over and has been allowed to come and go freely, in spite of his well known and self-confessed Marxist ideas.

Refugee? In a pig's eye. I can only hope that future press releases from leftist organizations make a sincere effort to adhere to the truth instead of distorting facts in order to attract well meaning but otherwise naive people to their fund raising gatherings.

Maria E. Hughes Livermore

Vallecitos Lab

Editor, The Times:

The article in to-day's paper as to the lack of public interest concerning the shutting down of the GETR Vallecitos, and the possibility of a public hearing to see if it is re-opened really stirred me.

The public has not been informed as to the great service that the GETR has rendered to the medical profession and the public in general. It is ignorance on the part of the people that such a thing has

been allowed to take place.

The group back of the order to have it shut down should not be allowed to carry so much influence...

People are often led by fear that is ungrounded. Where x-ray first came to the medical realm, many people were so fearful they would not let a Dr. x-ray them and as a result many lives were lost.

Now the public has allowed "These Friends of the Earth," to fill them so full of fear, they will not consider the great benefits they are denying those whose lives could be saved with the help of the GETR's operation.

I and other members of my family have benefited greatly by the quick diagnosis Dr's were able to make with the help of the Radioisotopes. ...

An earthquake severe enough to damage that reactor would leave few alive to worry about the GETR.

This is not the true American Spirit. Progress has been our way - not turning back because of ungrounded fear.

Opal A. Wheeler Pleasanton

Student Foundation

Editor, The Times:

I am a sophomore at Amador Valley High School. I have enrolled in a program called Close-Up. The program allows high school students to spend a week in the Capitol to see government officials in action. I plan to go to college and now I am trying to get all the experiences I can from high school. Close-Up would be a good supplement to courses I will be taking in the future. Also, I enjoy being involved in student council at school and I feel I could learn ways to improve it by observing our government.

The complete cost of the program is five hundred two dollars, which covers air fare tuition, lodging and food for the week in Washington. I hope to earn as much of the money as I can, but the deadline is in March and I'm afraid I won't be able to earn it all by then.

Any aid is tax deductible and your support of the program would be good public relations. While in Washington I will keep a diary. When I return I will send you a report of the people I met, the places I visited and how I feel I benefited from the program, you will be welcome to use this and any pictures I take as advertising. Any help you could give me would be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Close-Up Foundation.

Thank you very much.

Cheri Larsen Pleasanton

Round the town

We had an agreement.

"This year we will NOT exchange gifts."

Nothing to do with Scrooge. More to do with our recent co - habitation in the hospital. Not much time or energy left for buying a bunch of gifts.

"Besides," all hands agreed, "we'll be nothing but a gathering of adults this year. Just being together on Christmas day is enough."

A very sensible approach, to an all - adult Christmas, in 1977.

Oh sure, the neighbors brought over a couple of goodies ... "Just something our youngsters wanted to share with you." And there was the annual set of three jams, delivered by Santa's mail carrier. But that was to be it, around our Yule tree, in the non - material Christmas of '77.

"I hope the kids won't be disappointed," said the lady of the house in a feeling of eleventh hour remorse.

I reminded her that "the kids" are now legal adults, married and what not. They should be able to relate to us as grownups, just as we must respect their adulthood, I argued, with considerable wisdom.

So it came to pass, on Christmas eve at our house, that the base of the tree was very bare. Except for the neighbor's goodies, and the three jars of jam.

"This is something I made special so it doesn't count as a material gift," the Chico kid announced as she added her gift - wrapped special to the modest collection at the base of the tree. We held a conference. All agreed that items personally crafted would not violate our non - material Christmas.

"I think it's going to be nice, not having to unwrap a bunch of sweaters and socks and stuff," said the Oregon kid, while she slipped a small envelope onto one of the branches. "This is not really a gift," she hastily apologized. "Just something I wanted to share with the rest of you."

It was about that hour the delegation from Piedmont arrived. Married daughter, plus spouse.

"These are just some Christmas goodies to brighten our dinner," said the Piedmont kid, unloading her supply around the tree. "They aren't really gifts or anything like that," she quickly explained.

The non - gift Christmas of 1977 was shaping up as a one - way exchange. I began to feel somewhat ashamed, and advised the lady of the house accordingly.

"Don't fret about it," she assured me. "None of those things qualify as gifts in the ordinary retail sense. And besides," she added, with great nonchalance, "I have just a few things that I had planned on sharing with the kids this Christmas. But nothing that I had to shop for," she stressed.

This was getting out of hand, I said, to myself. Here I was the one who made the big declaration for a non - gift Christmas, and everybody in the place was plunking things around the tree, except me.

"You don't really have to buy me things just to show your love," she said, solving my doubts with a warm wifely squeeze. "Just having the two of us well and all of the children here is enough."

Not quite all of the children, I reminded her. There is the Australian kid, the one with ranch and beasts and wife and kids. They can't be here of course.

"I think of them at times like this," she said, spoken like a true grandmother of three. "I hope they're doing well ... maybe God will give them the rain they need. That would be a wonderful gift."

Yes, and wouldn't it be more wonderful still to be with them, I said. Michael and Tony Marie must have grown a foot since we last saw them. And Bobbie Marie is still a stranger to us. Can't allow that situation to go on much longer!

"Are you suggesting a trip or something," she said.

Well, I respond, we had been talking about taking a real vacation early in '78 ... to recuperate from our wounds and that sort of thing. And the Queen Elizabeth II still has space available in our price range (fifth deck) for its transPacific cruise in late January.

"Does that mean we really might go?" she asks. It means I've already signed up, I advise her. Paid the passage, for two on the QE II, across the Pacific. Destination: Australia, Queensland, one ranch and three grandchildren on the fringe of the Outback.

"I think this is going to be one of our best Christmases ever," she says.

Yes, not bad for the great non - gift agreement of '77. Best of all, there wasn't one purple and yellow tie in the entire exchange.

— by john edmands

SUE VOGELSANGER

Good ol' Betsy

Do you ever become sentimentally attached to a family car? I do.

And when Santa arrived at our house this year with a new model, I met it with mixed emotions. Oh, it's pretty and I'm grateful to Santa for bringing it. But I sure hated to see Ol' Betsy go.

I had been perfectly comfortable with her for 107,000 miles. She had hauled us from California to New York and back with a year-long layover in St. Louis. Between finding new houses in which to live during transfers, Ol' Betsy seemed like my "home." (Much more so than the motel rooms we often ended up in before finding a new house.)

All she ever asked for was tender loving care, normal maintenance, a new alternator, oil sensor switch and a couple of sets of tires. She didn't booze it up on gas and oil. And she never failed to start. I secretly thought of her as "Wonder Car."

But Santa began worrying about major repairs - the car "going all at once" - failing brakes - that sort of thing.

For weeks I had an inkling Santa was planning to make the switch. So I patted Betsy, told her what a good car she was and thanked her for being a good girl.

But - enter Bluebell! She's a soft grayed blue inside and out. Classy! But if I learn to drive her confidently it will be a miracle. In fact, just getting in and out of her is a challenge to dexterity. Why? Because she has more pushbuttons than a honky-tonk jukebox.

There are buttons for opening and closing windows, locking and unlocking doors, extending and retracting the radio antenna - and for setting the cruise control.

The latter gimmick scares me witless. You take your foot off the gas pedal and the car maintains the selected speed. I'll keep my tootsie on the gas pedal at all times, thank you.

A handy lever allows you to adjust the "tilt" steering wheel to several different

positions. Another lever operates the turn signal and the dimmer light switch. Sometimes I get the latter mixed up to the point where people in cars in front or back must think they're having a close encounter of the third kind.

The radio is am/fm/stereo. When the right stereo balance is achieved among front and back speaker it's like riding in a mobile orchestra pit. A drum roll from back left and a trumpet blare front right with other tootles and tweets elsewhere can startle the seat belt off you if you're unprepared. If some station ever plays the "1812 Overture," I'm done.

And everytime I glance at the dial-laden dashboard, I have to fight off a Walter Mitty syndrome. I'd swear my "plane" was on the final approach to LaGuardia.

Besides the usual speedometer and gas gauge, there's a clock plus dials registering volts, oil pressure and engine temperature. Another fancy dial flashes red if brakes are on or seatbelts unfastened.

While Ol' Betsy ran smooth as silk on regular gas, Bluebell snorts along on unleaded petrol. However, a mechanic has managed to adjust away the snort. He blamed emission control devices for "messing up engines nowadays."

Another knob can be punched to set a mileage meter. The numbers flip back to 000000 and begin registering mileage again as soon as we're back in motion.

As time goes on I'm sure I'll become fond of Bluebell, too.

Meanwhile, if somebody buys Ol' Betsy off the used car lot, I hope they treat her kindly and give her a nice home.

I read once where a woman was so sentimental about her car old car that her husband had it mashed into a cube in a huge scrap-compact. As a final touch he had the cube bronzed and presented it to his wife.

I don't think I'd ever go that far. But I do miss Ol' Betsy.

— by Sue Vogelsanger

GUEST COLUMN

TAX SHIFT

Assemblyman Paul Priolo
Assembly Minority Leader

Not too long ago a story appeared in one of the state's leading papers about a meeting between some state legislators and members of the public on the subject of taxes.

During this meeting various proposals for so-called tax relief were discussed and finally one member of the audience got up and, according to the paper, said:

"I think I'm getting had. Anytime there is a tax shift, there's consequences. I get nothing but I have to pay for those who do. Instead of quarreling over who pays the bill we should be talking about paying the bill."

The article went on to say that although one of the legislators stressed the need to shift the "tax burden to those who can afford to pay, the audience responded with pleas for a general decrease in gov-

ernment spending."

"One by one they urged the legislators to lower the overall tax bill and cut government expenditures."

When I read that story I was reminded of the number of times I have had similar experiences, experiences which led me this year to introduce a constitutional amendment in the Legislature calling for limits on state and local government spending.

If the amendment passes the Legislature, it will go on the ballot for approval by the voters.

I am also pushing for spending limits as part of any property tax reform package passed by the Legislature.

The reason for this is that you, the people - workers, businessmen, professionals, homeowners, senior citizens with pensions, students with part-time jobs, anyone with an income - are going to get your taxes raised unless we have limits on state and local government spending.

The tax increase won't happen today, maybe not tomorrow but surely it will happen within the next couple of years.

Why, you may ask, with a surplus of more than \$2 billion, will the state need new taxes. The answer is

simple: new spending programs will eat up the surplus and will then require more and more money from the people.

The fact is, most of the so-called property tax relief bills in the Legislature last session were nothing more than new spending programs.

True, if they had passed many of you would have gotten a check from the state and it would have been labeled tax relief. But down the line the bill for that tax relief would have gotten so large that it would require new taxes to keep giving you tax relief.

And if you think that sounds crazy - paying more taxes to get tax relief - you're right. It is crazy.

The very minimal protections for the taxpayer that must be enacted are spending limits for state and local government.

The state finances are like a runaway freight train in need of repair. You have got to stop the train before you can repair it.

We have got to stop the spending train before we can put together a decent tax structure. And to do that we must have spending limits written into the state constitution.

Remembering Tony

Editor, The Times:

A final report on the Tony Thomas traffic light fund: A check in the amount of \$2,054.15 has been turned over to the City of Livermore. It will be held in trust until needed for completion of the Medeiros Parkway bike path.

As you know, the State has decided to pay for the traffic light to be installed at Holmes and Vancouver in the Spring of 1978. After much thought, and consultation with the City, it was decided that the best way to use the Traffic Light Fund was to apply it toward the completion of a bike path in Tony's memory. We hope that you will approve of this decision.

We want to thank each and every one of you who contributed to the Fund and circulated or signed petitions for the traffic light. Your efforts in our behalf have sustained us during this difficult period of adjustment. Our sorrow over the loss of Tony is lessened in the knowledge that so many people care.

We wish all of you the blessings and the joy of this holy season.

Tony's Family:
Jeanne, Stan and Suzy Thomas

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Dr. Joyce Brothers

DEAR DR. BROTHERS: About eight months ago, at a party, a guy put some acid in my drink. I didn't mind too much when I tripped out because it was a nice high. About two weeks later, I told friends who've had some heavy experiences with drugs, but are now very straight. They got pretty mad with this guy so I dropped him and never wanted any more acid. In fact, I don't even use grass much now. Anyway, what worries me is that I've had replays, really bad scenes, even though I don't use drugs. I go pretty far out and I can't figure why, because I'm not using. Am I flipping out or what? — J.P.

DEAR J.P.: Just to be on the safe side and relieve your worry, you ought to discuss this with a doctor who can give a professional view. Be sure to describe exactly what you feel

and fill him or her in on your past experience with drugs.

According to psychologist Robert Matesky and graduate assistant Roger Krall of the University of Bridgeport, Conn., it's not unusual to have acid flashbacks or reruns. These can include delusions, hallucinations, depersonalization and perceptual distortion. Half of the 44 psychedelic-drug users he interviewed reported spontaneous recurrences of experiences first felt while under the influence.

It may comfort you to learn that psychologically, those who had the repeat experiences were no different from those who didn't, except that those who had the flashbacks were somewhat more apt to be suspicious. Those who experienced the flashbacks also had used LSD less recently and more often felt their drug ex-

periences had heightened their awareness or expanded their consciousness.

DEAR DR. BROTHERS: My 14-year daughter ran away for a week last year, and now she's threatening to do so again. We're constantly at odds because she's almost impossible to discipline. I to the point where I almost don't care if she runs away. The only thing that keeps her in this town is that she gets along well with one of her teachers who thinks she's an exceptionally gifted child. She never shows her father or me any of these "exceptional" qualities. We get only the worst. I don't know what to do. — R.G.

DEAR R.G.: I wonder if you're you've tried talking with this teacher about your daughter. She might have some suggestions that would be helpful since she seems to know and love your child. Your daughter may need some special counseling and this teacher might be able to suggest someone who would be qualified and willing to give her the guidance both you and she need.

Family contracts are keeping many runaways at home these days. The contract approach has been extremely effective in dealing with discipline problems. In order to make a contract work, parents have to keep an open mind and be willing to negotiate changes in their behavior as well as in their child's.

Try to find out what it is that is so disturbing at home for your daughter. If she feels you meddle in her affairs, if she thinks she has no privacy, then be willing to give her more of what she needs or wants in exchange for certain changes in her behavior. Studies have shown this approach is much more powerful than threats or punishment.

Whatever you do, I think it's essential to try to be patient and understanding during this difficult period. I would be inclined to give in on a number of points in order to keep her home, because the life of a young female runaway is so destructive emotionally and physically that many youngsters are permanently damaged by the trauma.

family circus



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HEATHCLIFF



Dr. Lamb

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am 18 years old. On a recent physical at school, the doctor diagnosed a systemic heart murmur; apparently, I have had it all my life. The school nurse prohibits me from all gymnastics.

I would appreciate it if you could give me any information on this type of heart condition you can so I can determine if I should see a doctor or not.

DEAR READER — Yes, you should go see your doctor. The term systemic heart murmur could mean that you have a sound (all murmurs are just sounds) that is caused by an active circulation which most doctors call a physiological, functional or innocent murmur. In that case, you do not have anything wrong with you at all.

If the murmur is a sound caused by underlying heart disease, then you need to know what disease and whether it is a minor defect or something more important.

You need to know exactly what your murmur means, and you do not know now. It would really be ridiculous for you to go through life thinking you have heart disease because you did not understand a term the doctor used. Ignorance is not always bliss.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I love spinach! My husband was a runner on a college track team and insists that

spinach is not good for a person.

He says the coach would not let the boys eat it because it created a chemical reaction against any calcium foods eaten, and kept the calcium from getting into the system. I never heard this before and wonder if there is any truth to it.

DEAR READER — It is a half truth. Spinach contains oxalic acid which binds the iron and calcium content of the spinach itself. There is not enough oxalic acid in the leaf, however, to bind calcium and iron present in other foods in the diet. So you can't use spinach as an effective food source for iron and calcium, but it will not prevent you from getting it in other foods, and there is no reason you should not include spinach in your diet. It does contain other important compounds such as folic acid and other vitamins.

Calcium and iron can also be bound by the husk of cereal grains. Oatmeal is a good example. They contain a substance called phytin that causes this. Since most people use milk on their cereal, this outweighs the problem with cereal.

I would like to offer one word of caution. Since the husk or fiber in the cereal is the problem, people who are on a whole cereal and bran husk program for their bowel should be certain they are getting adequate amounts of iron in the diet.

Johnny Wonder's QUESTION CORNER

Q. "WHY DO WE YAWN?"

A.

WHEN WE YAWN, WE ARE HELPING OUR BREATHING BY PUMPING MORE OXYGEN INTO OUR BODIES. THE USUAL YAWN IS DUE TO DROWSINESS.

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Yawns are natural and healthy for you. When we yawn, we are helping our breathing.

A yawn is a very deep breath in which big gulps of fresh air are pumped into our lungs, supplying our blood with more oxygen.

Usually, we yawn when we are tired or drowsy and our bodies are relaxed. It is a sign that the body needs sleep, but it can mean other things, too.

We may also yawn when our bodies are not getting enough fresh air. Then we may need better ventilation, or exercise.

One purpose of yawning may be to awaken a person

by stretching the muscles and helping the blood to get things moving again.

You don't yawn when you wake up. Yawning wakes you up!

When we see others yawn, we are likely to yawn. You may feel like yawning just from reading this! And yawning is common in animals, too. Dogs, cats, monkeys and turtles yawn. So do birds and many other animals.

A World Almanac Globe, camera, radio, Johnny Wonder Puzzle Book or other fine prize to the first youngster sending a question used here to: Johnny Wonder (c/o this paper), Box 1335 (DA), Santa Cruz, CA. 95061. Include your age!

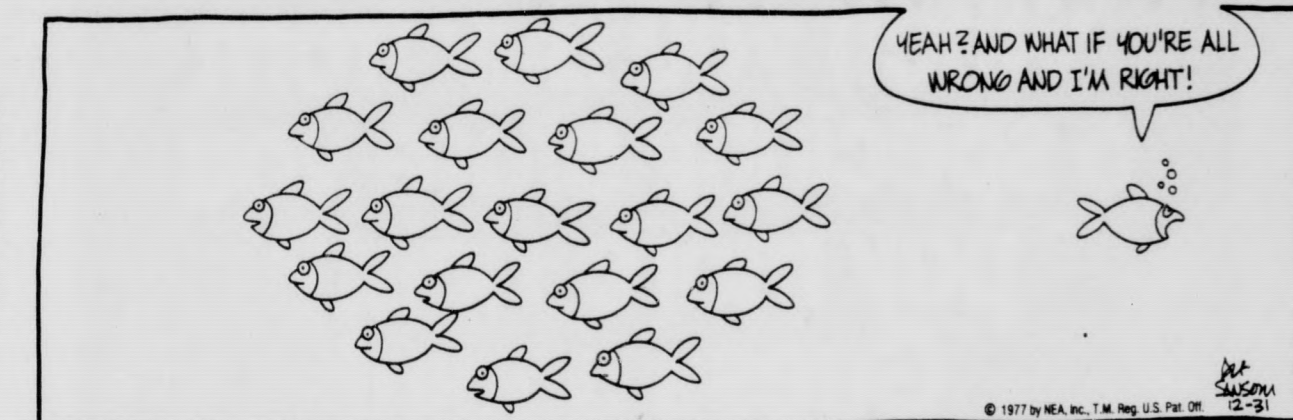
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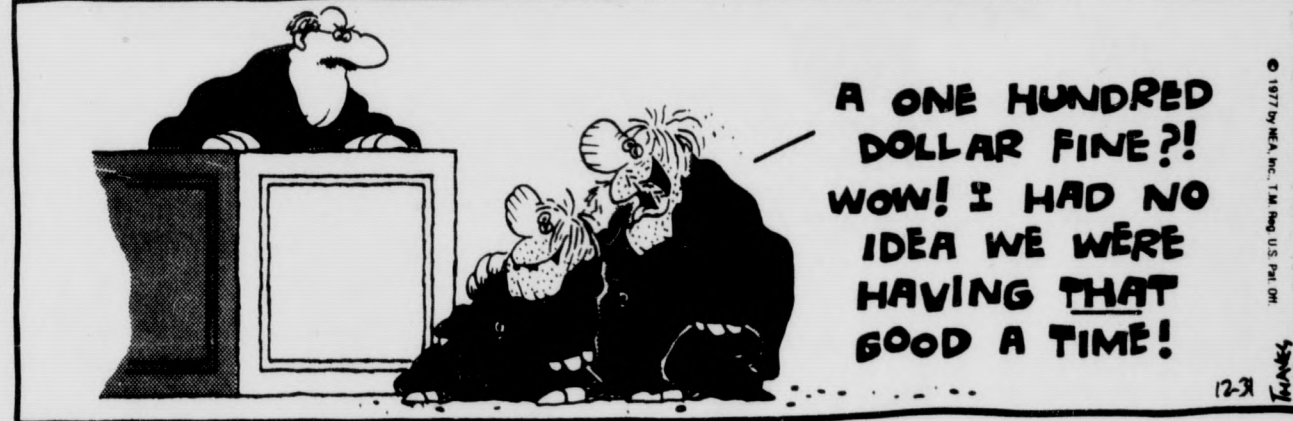
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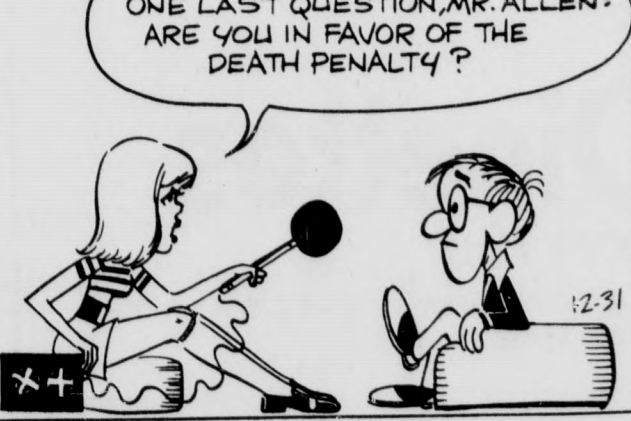
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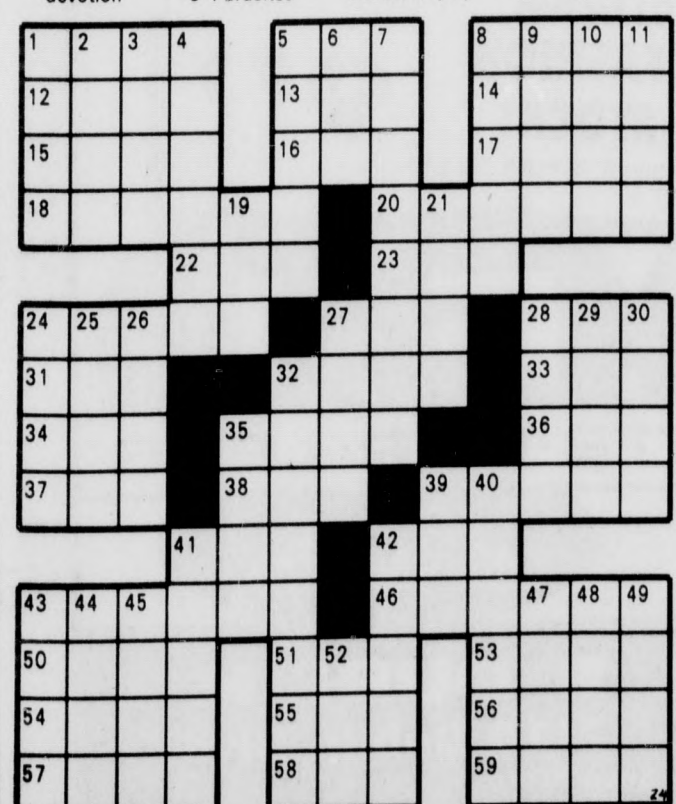
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22 Ill-bred person
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24 One of the Twelve
27 Western hemisphere or organization (abbr.)
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By Oswald & James Jacoby

For our last hand of the year we present a bid of whimsy from the long ago. This concerns the declarer

in an auction bridge game in Dry Gulch, Arkazona, who held 13 trumps and never took a trick.

It seems that the last bids by North and South were accompanied by considerable profanity. Neither one appreciated the fact that his partner kept bidding his own suit and when South finally bid seven spades North said, "You had best make it, or else."

As a result, South decided to really annoy his partner and his opponents by playing the hand out slowly.

If West had opened a club there would have been no story but West opened the king of diamonds. North slapped his cards down on the table so hard that they bounced a couple of times before settling. Then he played his ace of diamonds of West's king. South studied a while and trumped his partner's ace.

North pulled out a pistol and shot South dead before he could even take in the trick.

CCC picks new probation chief

Leshner News Bureau
MARTINEZ — After a nationwide recruitment effort, Gerald S. Buck has been named county Probation Officer.

Buck, currently division director of the Orange county Probation Department, replaces John A. Davis, who retired in April as chief of Contra Costa's department.

In announcing Buck's appointment, Superior Court Judge E. Patricia Herron, said the Superior Court judges "feel he has a great deal to contribute to this county."

Buck, 39, is a 15-year veteran of the Orange county Probation Department, rising from deputy probation officer to delinquency prevention coordinator and then supervising probation officer.

In 1972 he was promoted to his present post where he

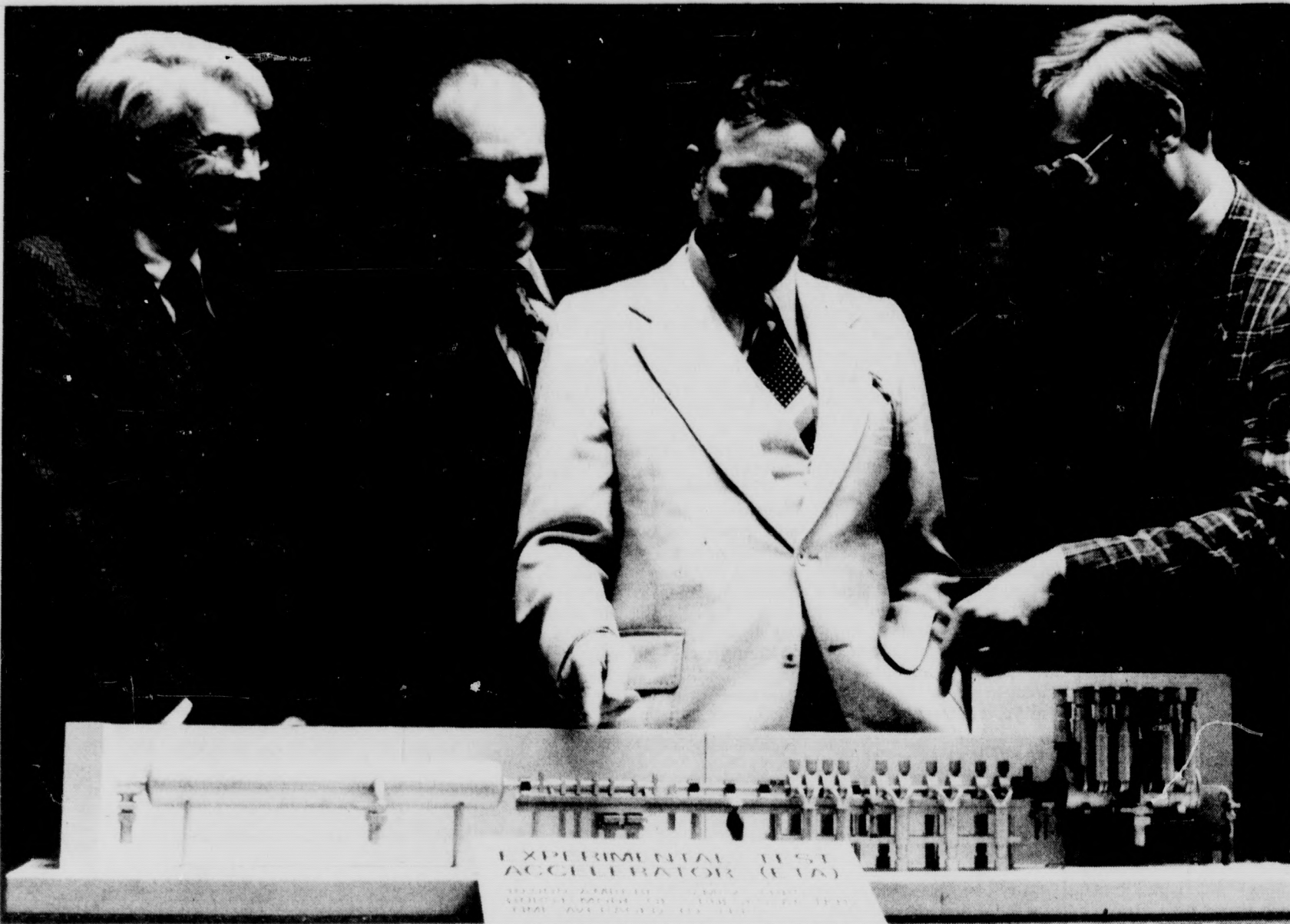
was responsible for a staff of 63 dealing with both adult and juvenile supervision.

Buck is a graduate of U.C. Berkeley in criminology and also holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California in justice administration.

He is the co-author of "Criminal Justice Organization and Management," and has been a lecturer in public administration at the University of California at Irvine and California State University at Fullerton.

He currently lives in Mission Viejo with his wife, Barbara, and two children, Bonnie, 14 and James, 12.

Buck, who takes over his new position the last week in January, will receive an annual salary of \$36,816, subject to Board of Supervisors approval on Jan. 3.



Peek at the future

Referring to a scale model, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory's Dr. Richard Briggs explains the operation of the Electron Test Accelerator to U.S. Rep. Richard H. Ichord (D-Missouri) during the congressman's recent visit to LLL. The accelerator, a \$4 million research facility scheduled to be built by September 1978, is sponsored by the U.S. Navy to investigate high intensity beam technology for military applications. Ichord is chairman of the Research and Development Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, which oversees the project. Also pictured are Dr. T. Kenneth Fowler (left), LLL associate director for magnetic fusion energy, and Dr. Roger E. Batzel, LLL director.

Another buck to get married

The cost of a certificate showing that someone was born, married, or had died in Alameda County will increase from \$2 to \$3 on Jan. 1.

The extra dollar will go into a fund to pay the cost of marking each birth certificate with an indelible and conspicuous "Deceased" when a death certificate has been recorded for that person, and updating the birth and death record files in this respect. A new state law requires this procedure.

The increased fee applies to certified copies of county birth, marriage, and death records on files in any of the following offices:

★ Alameda County Health Care Services Agency — the vital registration section keeps old birth and death records for most of the county before 1920. It also keeps recent birth and death records to the end of the year following the one during which the birth or death was

recorded. Apply in Room 404, 499 Fifth St. in Oakland. Call 874-6395 for information.

★ Alameda County Clerk - Recorder — the vital statistics bureau keeps records of all births, marriages, and deaths in the county since 1920. They usually reach this office within 90 days of their original filing date. Apply in Room 100, Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St. in Oakland. Call 874-6545 for information.

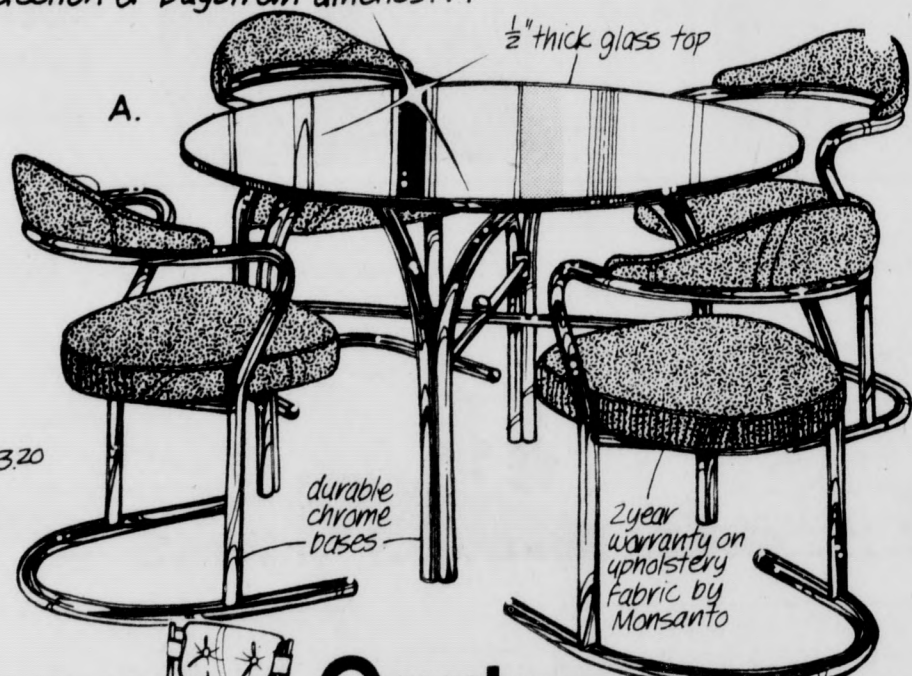
★ City of Albany — the finance department keeps records of all births and deaths in Albany since 1963. Apply at 1000 San Pablo Ave. in Albany. Call 644-8520 for information.

★ City of Berkeley — the vital statistics section of the health department keeps records of all births and deaths in Berkeley since 1890. Apply at 2180 Milvia St. in Berkeley. Call 644-6489 for information.

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37-31 Raider victory

Caspar's TD catch wins it in OT



Colt quarterback Bert Jones found the going rough as he was dumped by Oakland's Ted Hendricks in the third period.

BALTIMORE — Ken Stabler's third touchdown pass to Dave Caspar, a 10-yarder after 43 seconds of the second overtime period, gave the defending Super Bowl champion Oakland Raiders a 37-31 sudden-death victory over the Baltimore Colts Saturday in the National Football League's third-longest playoff game ever.

The victory sent the American Conference's wild-card team into the AFC championship game New Year's Day against the winner of the Pittsburgh-Denver AFC playoff opener.

For the Colts, it was a third straight first-round loss against a defending Super Bowl champion. They were beaten 28-10 and 40-14 the past two years by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Stabler, who completed 21 of 40 passes for 345 yards, connected on 5 of 6 attempts during Oakland's 58-yard winning drive.

Baltimore quarterback Bert Jones, with a net 21 yards passing through the first three quarters, completed two passes for 41 yards to set up Lee's first TD. The Raiders held for three downs from the 1 before Lee barely reached the goal line with his fourth-down leap.

Oakland, which scored on three lightning drives plus a touchdown following a blocked punt, came from behind for the third time to go ahead 28-24 on a 1-yard plunge by Pete Banaszak with 9:12 to play.

The Colts, scoring much the way Oakland did on three of its TDs, then went 73 yards in four plays. Jones connected on passes of 30 and 16 yards, then Lee covered the final 27 yards on two sprints.

Jones wound up with only 114 yards net passing although he completed 18 of 26 attempts. He was sacked 6 times for 50 yards in losses.

The longest game in NFL playoff history was Dec. 25, 1971, when Miami beat Kansas City 27-24 in a first-round AFC game that went 22:40 into overtime.

The second-longest was an old American Football League playoff, when the Dallas Texans (now Kansas City) beat Houston 20-17 in 17:54 of overtime.

Prior to Mann's tying field goal the lead changed hands six times in the explosive second half with a brief span of the third quarter especially hectic.

During a 3:48 stretch, the Raiders scored two touchdowns, separated by Johnson's kickoff return. There was also a Baltimore interception and a blocked punt by Oakland's Ted Hendricks, the latter setting up Caspar's second scoring catch.

Except for their TD following the blocked punt, the other three TD scoring drives by the Raiders covered 182 yards and required only 14 plays.

After being stopped on their first three possessions, the Raiders swept 60 yards in four plays, taking a 7-0 lead with 30 seconds to go in the first quarter on a 30-yard run by Clarence Davis.

But the Colts tied it on Laird's interception, the longest return for a score in AFC playoff history. Then they went ahead 10-7 with 1:58 left in the half on Toni Linhart's 36-yard field goal.

Oakland, which lost a fumble by Mark van Eeghen on the game's opening series, lost another one, by Davis, after reaching the Baltimore 23 with 52 seconds left in the opening half.

Each team failed on its first five third-down conversion attempts before the Colts converted on the drive capped by Linhart's field goal.

The Raiders started the seesaw second half with a 70-yard, five-play drive, taking a 14-10 lead on Stabler's 8-yard toss to Caspar.

Johnson's kickoff return sent the Colts back on top by 3 points. Then, after the Colts failed to capitalize on Laird's second interception, Hendricks blocked David Lee's punt from midfield and Jeff Barnes of Oakland ran the ball to the Baltimore 16.

Times SPORTS

Dave Weber, Editor

The Raiders came through on two crucial third-down plays, one a diving catch by Cliff Branch at the Baltimore 26 on a third-and-19 play. The first down was achieved by the length of the ball.

Errol Mann's 22-yard field goal for Oakland with 26 seconds left in the fourth period sent the game into overtime. It came after Stabler, who had hit Caspar with touchdown passes covering 8 and 10 yards in the third quarter, found the big tight end for a 42-yard gain to the Baltimore 14 with 2 minutes remaining.

After three tries at the line left the Raiders inches short of a first down just shy of the Baltimore 4-yard line, Oakland let 23 seconds run off the clock before calling time out and bringing in Mann.

His kick wiped out a 31-28 Baltimore lead built on Ron Lee's pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns, the second a 13-yard burst with 7:54 remaining.

Mann had a chance to win it for Oakland with 5:40 gone in overtime — but a 48-yard field goal attempt was blocked. Mann's longest field goal of the season was a 42-yarder.

Until an 80-yard drive culminated by Lee's 1-yard, fourth-down plunge early in the final period that gave Baltimore a 24-21 lead, the Colts had scored touchdowns only on a 61-yard interception return by Bruce Laird and an 87-yard kickoff return by Marshall Johnson.

Mixed success for anglers

Fishing at local angling spots has shown varied success this month, the East Bay Regional Park District reported.

At Shadow Cliffs near Pleasanton, trout fishing remains very poor while fishermen anticipate a successful fish plant by the Department of Fish and Game. An apparent breakdown in the life support system of the Fish and Game transport vehicle caused an unsuccessful plant earlier this month.

At Del Valle Reservoir in Livermore, trout fishing is rated excellent with most experienced anglers limiting with 10-13-inch trout in less than three hours. Trout are being taken on red salmon eggs, Zeke's floating cheese and Mepp's spinners, green flatfish, rebels, and Kastmasters.

Largemouth bass to three pounds were caught in 25-35 feet of water using flatfish, Kastmasters, and various spinners and spoons. For all species, an excellent 1.0 fish per angler hour was reported.

Approximately 9,000 trout were planted at Del Valle Dec. 6.

At Lake Chabot in Castro Valley, trout fishing remains slow again this week. Shore anglers are bringing in an average .47 fish per angler hour while boat anglers are doing only slightly better with .53 fish per angler hour. These trout are in the 8-11-inch range and are going on red salmon eggs and marshmallows as well as Mepp's spinners and Kastmasters.

Approximately 2,000 rainbow trout were planted by the Department of Fish and Game Dec. 6.

At San Pablo Reservoir near Orinda, trout up to 1/2-pound are being taken. A few anglers are taking small numbers of carp, channel catfish, black crappie and bluegill. Boat anglers fishing the shore areas, points of land and

coves are taking most of the fish, although shore anglers are outscoring the trollers.

Anglers spent an average of 4.7 hours per visit to take an average of 2.0 fish each. The catch rate for all species was good at .44 fish per angler hour.

Approximately 1,500 1/2-pound trout were planted here Dec. 14 by the Department of Fish and Game, and another 9,000 trout of the same size were planted by the East Bay Municipal Utility District the same day.

At Lafayette Reservoir in Lafayette, many limits of nice trout (13-14 inches) are being caught and most are being taken by shore anglers. Trolling results are poor at present, but shore anglers are taking nice-sized fish on red salmon eggs at all the fishing docks. The hottest spot in the area is at the east end of the dam. All other fish species are providing little or

no action.

On Dec. 9, 1,000 trout were planted in Lafayette Reservoir by the Department of Fish and Game.

At Pt. Pinole Pier at Pt. Pinole Regional Park, the 1,225-foot fishing pier opened to the public on Dec. 3.



Organized sports popular in Valley

Critics of sports in the United States say Americans have become spectators instead of participants.

Well, that may be true on a national level but it certainly isn't true here in the valley.

The Pleasanton-Livermore-Dublin-San Ramon area is bursting with people involved in organized sports.

A Times survey lists the total number of participants in organized sports in the area at 36,487. This figure probably includes some overlapping by people involved in more than one organized activity but the number is still impressive in view of the fact that the population of the valley is around 125,000.

The activities valley residents are involved in range from such contact sports as high school football, soccer and junior ice hockey to bicycle riding and fly-fishing.

Bowling and soccer involve more participants than any other sports in the valley. The three bowling alleys in the area (Granada Bowl in Livermore and the Amador Lanes and Dublin Bowl in Dublin) involve about 12,000 participants in their winter, summer and spring bowling leagues.

Some of the people compete in both winter and summer leagues so the actual number of people involved is probably somewhat less than 10,000.

Granada Bowl has expanded to 32 lanes and the number of bowlers in competitive leagues has increased along with it.

But soccer is right up there with bowling in popularity. There are 9,620 people involved in soccer ranging from the youth leagues to high school and recreation competition.

Most of the soccer participants play in the youth leagues which have 8,900

athletes competing. The Livermore Soccer Club with 2,000 boys and 800 girls involved, is the largest single club in the area. Ballistic United of Pleasanton has 2,000 boys and the Pleasanton Girls' have 1,000.

The area is one of the Bay Area's top soccer hotbeds.

"About half of the first and second grade boys in Livermore schools play in the under-eight division," said a Livermore Recreation Department employee. "That's quite a large amount."

Many of the local youth soccer teams, particularly those from Ballistic United, have captured regional and international invitational championships.

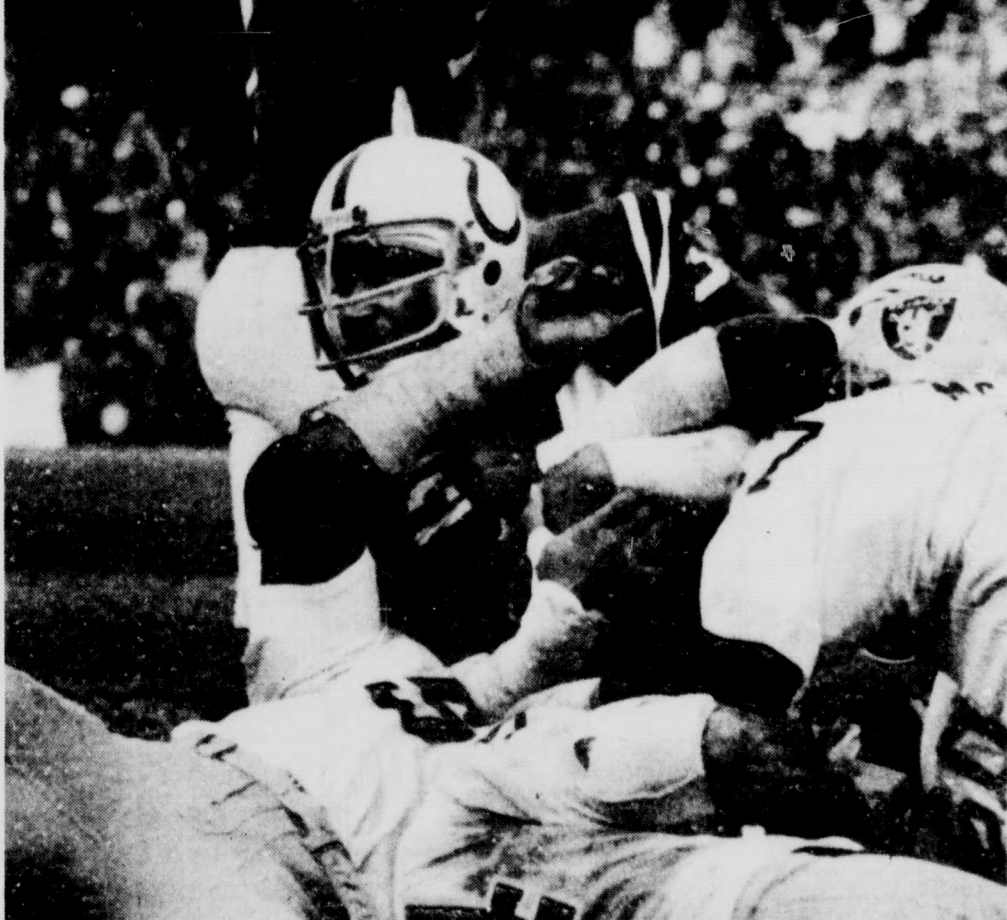
Baseball is the third most popular sport in the valley, with over 3,000 participants involved in Little League, high school and older youth programs.

There are about 360 athletes involved on the high school level. Pleasanton American is the largest little league in the valley with 600 athletes. Pleasanton National has 500.

Football only has 1,160 athletes playing in the valley. However, that is due largely to the fewer number of youth football programs. Tri-Valley Pop Warner and Pleasanton Junior Football League are the only programs offered for pre-high school age youths.

Still, high school football is the most popular sport on the prep scene, if you go by number of players. There are an estimated 600 high school football players in the valley's six high schools (in varsity, junior varsity and freshmen programs).

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Baltimore's Ron Lee somehow made it through a pile of Raiders to score a fourth quarter touchdown.

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Last Fiesta on Xmas Day

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Penn State-Arizona State game Christmas Day marks the end of an era for the Fiesta Bowl.

The game in Tempe is the last with the Western Athletic Conference champion as the host team. As a matter of fact, it also could be the last on Christmas Day.

The future of the Fiesta Bowl, which started in 1971 with Arizona State beating Florida State 45-38, depends largely on the bowl committee's ability to negotiate a lucrative television contract.

What Jim Meyer, Fiesta Bowl president, and his board of directors would like to do is triple the \$125,000 TV fee now paid by CBS.

With Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium seating capacity increasing from 58,000 to 70,000 seats, plus a good TV money package, the Fiesta people figure they can attract two top independents out of the Top 10 list and become the fifth major bowl behind the Rose, Orange, Cotton and Sugar.

One of the main reasons for dropping the WAC affiliation is the loss of Arizona State and Arizona, both leaving the conference to join the Pacific-8 Conference — becoming next season the Pac-10. That's why the stadium is being enlarged.



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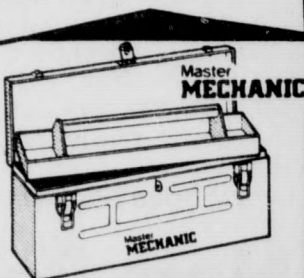


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Rivaled only by bowling in the Times' survey, soccer is a popular sport throughout the Valley. TIMES PHOTO BY JOHN RAMOS

Supervisor Santana says A's must stay in Oakland

OAKLAND — The Oakland A's won't be going to Denver if Alameda County Supervisor Charles Santana has anything to say about it.

He has a little bit to say because Alameda County is part owner of the Oakland - Alameda County Coliseum where the A's have signed an "unbreakable" lease committing them to another 10 years of baseball on 66th Ave.

Most pundits think that Oakland and the county will settle out of court for lots and lots of money, but Santana doesn't buy that.

"It's like in someone's life. Sure, you can get a lot of money in one chunk and buy a new car or something, but a week a later you're broke," said Santana.

"If you take away the A's, you get rid of that ongoing generation of money — the hotels and restaurants, the Coliseum workers' paychecks, and the prestige of having major league baseball here," said Santana.

Santana still has hopes that some group will come along and buy the A's, keeping them right in the Coliseum.

A rumored group a couple of weeks ago, supposedly including black comedians Bill Cosby and Red Foxx, failed to materialize. Santana was not surprised. Anyone can call a press conference and make a big splash in the papers, he said. When reporters checked it out, they learned Cosby had not

talked to anyone about buying the A's in the past eight months.

Santana has hopes, though, that some responsible local group will come up with the financing to keep the A's in Oakland.

He thinks Denver should follow the court proceedings closely, too. "What's the use of having a signed lease when it won't be upheld? Denver should consider that in signing a lease with a baseball team," said Santana.

Names which Santana mentioned as movers and shakers who might be interested in keeping the A's as a civic enterprise included Ed Daly, owner of World Airways; the owner of Shaklee organic soaps who has a big office building in Emeryville; and the Hunt's cannery family.

"They could come up with the money," said Santana. They probably could. But do they want to? A lot of people said the A's came to play. A lot of people said they didn't put a god team in the field. The A's are as dead as a doornail.

Alameda County Supervisor John George is as eager as Santana to keep the A's here. "The Coliseum activity provides economic opportunities for people," said George. He hoped at one time that a local group would form a cooperative of fans and buy the club, but that didn't materialize.

— by Ron McNicol

Bowling, soccer top survey

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There are 3,550 youths competing in high school athletics in the valley so football players make up over one-sixth of the total number of competitors. Track is second with about 540 people involved.

"There's still a lot of interest in high school football," commented Amador Valley High School athletic director Pete Estrada. "I think one of the reasons is the popularity and success of the Oakland Raiders and the fact a lot of that team's players live in the area. The only problem facing high school football is the rising costs of everything involved with it."

Besides the junior football programs there are recreation flag grid leagues and a women's Powder Puff football loop in the Dublin-San Ramon Service District Recreation Department.

But the valley has something of everything for sports enthusiasts. There are several tennis clubs and recreation programs in the area, with well over 2,000 people involved.

The valley recreation programs (Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin-San Ramon) offer a large variety of programs including adult basketball,

gymnastics, judo, tumbling, Karate, scuba-diving, volleyball and ice-skating.

The St. Moritz Figure Skating Club, which operates out of Iceland in Dublin, has 400 skaters. The Dublin-San Ramon Recreation Department offers ice-skating classes.

One of the few valley programs to lose members in the past few years is the Tri-Valley Minor Ice Hockey Association, which also plays in the Iceland arena.

"We've dropped in numbers since the Seals (the former Bay Area National Hockey League club) left," said Bob Hickey, head of the association. "We've got about 90 players now where we had 157 a couple of years ago. There isn't that much interest anymore."

But there's a lot of interest in most sports in the valley and a prime example of that is the Valley Spokesmen, a bicycle club. There are currently 696 members in the club and they take numerous outings throughout the East Bay and Bay Area.

They're constantly doing things as are a lot of people in the valley nowadays.

— By Gary Brown

VALLEY ORGANIZED SPORTS PARTICIPANTS

Bowling
Granada Bowl, 5,500; Dublin, 3,000; Amador Lanes (Dublin), 3,500; TOTALS, 12,000

Soccer
High schools, 220; Youth soccer, Ballistic United (Pleasanton), 2,000; Pleasanton Girls, 1,000; Livermore Soccer Club, 2,000 boys, 800 girls; Dublin, 1,500; San Ramon, 1,600; adults recreation soccer, 500; TOTAL, 9,620

Baseball
High schools, 360; Little Leagues, Pleasanton American, 600; Pleasanton National, 500; Livermore National, 400; Livermore American, 250; Dublin, 400; Dublin Valley, 300; Granada, 400; Connie Mack, 30; Tri-Valley Cubs, 20; TOTAL, 3,260

Football
High schools, 600; Tri-Valley Pop Warner, 160; Pleasanton Junior Football League, 200 (estimate); recreation flag football (Livermore) 150; Dublin-San Ramon Powder Puff football (women), 50; TOTAL, 1,160

Tennis
High school, 120; Livermore Tennis Club, 500; Del Valle Tennis Club, 260; Livermore Recreation clubs, 1,332; Dublin-San Ramon Recreation, 25; TOTAL, 2,200

Softball
High school, 160; Livermore recreation, 770; Pleasanton Recreation, 200; TOTALS, 1,130

Swimming
High school, 220; Livermore aquacubboys, 125; Livermore adult recreation, 25; Dublin-San Ramon recreation aquatics, 135; Dublin-San Ramon, 60; Bay Aquatics, 40; Pleasanton Swim Team, 70; TOTALS, 675

What's happenin'? Mat cage tickets

Family season tickets are now available to fans of Granada High School. There is a \$25 price for two adults and their children under high school age. This allows the buyers entrance to seven East Bay Athletic League home boys' basketball games.

A \$12 ticket admits two adults and their children under high school age to seven home EBAL girls' basketball games.

LIVERMORE TICKETS
Family season tickets for boys and girls basketball at Livermore High School are on sale in the dean's office.

The cost for seven league games is \$25 for boys and \$12 for girls. Two adults and all children under high school age can get in for that price.

BASKETBALL
The free drop-in basketball program by the Valley Community Services District (VCS) Recreation Department has been moved back to 8 p.m. from 10 p.m. The rearrangement is due to Dublin High School's use of the gym for basketball practice, according to the VCS recreation department.

For further information call 828-7711.

PA SIGN-UPS
The Pleasanton American Little League and Senior League has scheduled its signups for Saturday, Jan. 7 and Saturday, Jan. 14 at Walnut Grove School.

Registrations will be taken from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youngsters should be between eight and 15 years of age. The official age is that attained prior to Aug. 1, 1978.

All new sign-ups must have a birth certificate as proof of age.

MADRID — An Australian All-Star team beat Bradley University 94-69 behind Eddie Palubonskas' 34 points Saturday in the opening game of a three-day Christmas International Basketball Tournament.

— By Gary Brown

Foul shots hurt AV

The foul line was the center of attention during much of the fourth quarter in Friday night's Amador Valley-St. Joseph's basketball game in Pleasanton.

Unfortunately for Amador Valley it was the Pilot players who got most of the foul shots as the defending North Coast Section 3-A champions took a nail-biting 51-50 decision over the host Dons.

St. Joseph's canned 10 of 11 free throw attempts in the final quarter while the Dons only had two chances and made one.

Tim Russi, the Pilots' leading scorer with 13 points, tanked all seven of his charity attempts in the final quarter, including two with 3:02 left to give St. Joseph's a 44-43 lead which it held for good.

After Amador Valley failed to score John Edwards of the Pilots hit a short jumper with 1:57 left to increase the victors' margin to 46-43. Russi then hit two more free throws for a 48-43 St. Joseph's lead before Mark Chandler's bucket pulled Amador Valley to within three points.

Another Pilot field goal with less than a minute to play gave the Catholic League champs a 50-45 advantage. But Rick Howard fired in a jumper with 19 seconds left and was fouled. He made the free throw attempt and the Dons were back within two points.

However, Edwards provided the winning margin, sinking the first of two free throw attempts. Rob Santos of Amador Valley then drove uncontested for a lay-up with two seconds left but St. Joseph's ran the clock out for the victory.

The Dons grabbed a 14-10 first-period lead as Howard canned six of his 13 points

in that period.

In the second quarter the lead switched back and forth before Mark Watkins gave the Dons a 24-22 lead at halftime on a jumper.

That advantage lasted for Amador Valley until Russi hit his two free throws with three minutes left in the contest.

— By Gary Brown



Amador's Rob Santos flicks a pass to teammate. TIMES PHOTO BY MIKE MACOR

'Pokes win a tight one

FREMONT — Mike May's 10-foot jumper with 10 seconds left and his alert defensive play with two seconds remaining propelled Livermore High School to a tough 56-55 victory over Irvington High in non-league basketball play Friday night.

Call it a barnburner, a see-saw affair, or what have you — the game was close all the way. After Livermore recovered from a 14-8 first quarter deficit, the lead changed hands 10 times. It was the type of game in which a four-point lead would have seemed almost insurmountable.

But that's how many points the Cowboys were leading by when forward Bob Bolen drove to the hoop to make the score 53-49 with only 1:45 remaining.

At that point it appeared that the 'Pokes, running a spread offense with considerable success, had the game locked up.

But Irvington wasn't ready to quit yet. The Vikings' guard Jose Nieves sank both ends of a one-and-one free throw opportunity to make it 53-51. Irvington forward John Valentine fouled out when he was called for blocking on a very close play, but Livermore's Ron Wentworth was able to hit only one free throw.

The Vikings really got rolling when forward Kevin Palmer tipped in an offensive rebound with 40 seconds left to make it 54-53. Irvington then stole the 'Pokes' inbounds pass and Nieves swished in a 20-footer to give Irvington a 55-54 advantage with 26 seconds remaining.

The 'Pokes worked the ball around with little success until May, who had been held to only one basket all night, took the ball, cut across the key, and hit his jumper.

The Vikes hurried the ball downcourt and tried to pass the ball inside to center Joe Schultz, but May leaped up to bat the ball away. Irvington got the ball back, though, when May's inbounds pass hit the ceiling, but Nieves' desperation 22-foot jumper bounced off the back rim.

After its lackluster first quarter, Livermore opened the second period by getting the ball inside of Irvington's zone. But the 'Pokes were unable to gain much ground because of the Vikings' Valentine.

Valentine went on a tear, hitting five-of-six field goal attempts on a free throw to net 11 points in the period. Meanwhile, Livermore's most consistent scoring threat was center Dick Patterson, who scored six points each in the first and second stanzas.

Livermore unleashed a new scoring threat in the third period. Forward Ron Schweiger worked inside Irvington's zone almost at will, scoring five buckets, all from within eight feet. The Vikes countered with some good outside shooting, but that tapered off noticeably when Valentine picked up his fourth foul and was taken out of the game.

Schweiger and Bolen continued to score from in close in the fourth quarter.

Schweiger finished with 19 points to lead all scorers. Patterson had 16 before fouling out with 1:59 left in the game, and Bolen added 11.

Valentine was Irvington's top scorer with 13. Guard Eric Garner hit a number of 15-18 foot jumpers to finish with 12 for the losers.

The win raised Livermore's non-conference record to 5-4.

— By Nancy Park

Cage boxes

CHABOT (61)	LIVERMORE (56)
Keihr, 8; 12-15, 28; Hardeman, 4; 2-2, 10; Chong, 1 0-0, 2; Fraga, 1 0-0, 2; Andrews, 2 0-0, 4; Ybarra, 2 1-2, 5; Rosa, 0 2-2, 2; Barger, 1 2-2, 4; Johnson, 2 0-0, 4; TOTALS 21 19-23-61.	May 2 0-0, 4; Patterson 8 0-0, 16; Schweiger 8 3-7, 19; Bolen 5 1-3, 11; Wentworth 12 4-4; Williford 0 2-2, 2; Totl Totals 24 8-16-56.
AMERICAN RIVER (81)	IRVINGTON (55)
Smith, 11 1-2, 23; Aaron, 9 0-0, 18; Gust, 6 0-0, 12; Salazar, 5 2-3, 12; Harter, 1 2-6, 4; Davis, 1 0-0, 2; Michelmoro, 2 0-1, 4; Smittle, 3 0-0, 6; TOTALS 38 5-11, 81.	Garner 6 0-0, 12; Palmer 3 0-3, 6; Burnett 3 2-2, 8; Schultz 4 0-1, 8; Nieves 2 2-2, 6; Valentine 6 1-2, 13; Cesar 1 0-0, 2; Totals 25 5-10-55.
Chabot 23 38-61	Livermore 8 15 18 15-56
American River 41 40-81	Irvington 14 13 12 16-55
Total fouls, American River, 18; Chabot, 14; Fouled out, — none.	Total fouls x — Livermore 11, Irvington 15. Fouled out — Valentine, Patterson. Technical fouls — Palmer 2.

Glads lose in semis

FREMONT — Chabot College's basketball team took a decisive 81-61 defeat at the hands of powerful American River College of Sacramento in the Ohlone Basketball Classic semi-finals Thursday night.

The Gladiators could manage only seven field goals in the first half against the Beavers and could never really get going.

Center Brian Keith led

the Gladiator scoring with 28 points, hitting 12 of 15 free throw attempts. Willie Harde-man added 10 points for the losers on four field goals and two free throws.

American River swept to a 41-23 halftime advantage and never looked back. David Smith led the winners with 23 points and Brian Aaron added 18 on nine field goals.

More Razorbacks out of bowl?

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — About nine other Arkansas players will not take part in the Orange Bowl game because Coach Lou Holtz decided to exclude three standouts, a lawyer for the three said Friday.

Attorney John W. Walker of Little Rock said he had told Holtz that approximately 12 players, including the three Holtz has excluded from the game, would not play against

Oklahoma in Miami Jan. 2. Walker would not name the players he said had decided not to play. The exclusion by Holtz applied to running backs Ben Cowins and Micheal Forrest and flanker Donny Bobo. Nor would Walker say whether court action may be developing.

Cowins, Forrest and Bobo accounted for 21 of Arkansas' 43 touchdowns this season.

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Median home price levels off

The median price, the mid-point of all sales, of an existing home in California continued its trend toward stabilization during the month of October following a skyrocketing of prices earlier this year, according to monthly reports issued by the California Association of Realtors.

The figures, released by Jerome Blank, Albany Realtor and president of the 115,000-member statewide association, revealed an October price increase of only two-tenths of one percent from the previous month, placing the median at \$64,424, about a hundred dollars higher than the September figure.

"The increase in price per month is continuing its stabilizing pattern," Blank explained. "This trend is beginning to bear out our earlier predictions that the explosive housing market experienced in early Spring would begin to level off before the end of the year."

Despite a nearly six percent jump in monthly prices between April and May when the median price rose from the mid-\$50,000 range to over the \$60,000 mark, increases for the year to date average at 2.2 percent per month, according to the Realtor's survey of real estate boards throughout the state.

Blank attributed the "slowing" to several factors, primary of which were the financial policing of speculators by savings and loan institutions, the vigilance of Realtors and an increasing discrimination by buyers due to the increased availability of housing choices, both new and existing.

He noted, in particular, that the expanded supply of new housing — close to 1.9 million new residential units this year — is just now beginning to catch up to the built-up demand and that the impact of this new supply should help to stabilize the prices of existing homes.

Blank said that "generally" the volume of home sales begins to decline in the Fall months after the opening of schools; however, he pointed out that October sales in California were an exception to this seasonal pattern.

"The sales volume in October actually increased by an estimated 20 percent over the previous month," the Realtor-chief explained, "and was well over the sales figures for comparable months in both 1975 and 1976."

In analyzing the statewide figures, Blank pointed out certain regional price differences between Northern and Southern California.

In the nine-county San Francisco Bay area, for example, the median price was recorded at \$68,739, the highest of any area and approximately \$4,000 higher than the statewide figure.

The Los Angeles County area, according to Blank, more closely approximated the statewide figure at \$64,213, with San Diego reporting a median price of \$57,145.

Comparable figures for the Central Valley and Northern California were not currently available.

The greatest frequency of sales throughout the state occurred in the \$90,000-and-over price bracket, accounting for nearly 20 percent of all sales during the month. Homes in the \$50,000-to-\$99,999 range ranked in second place at 18.5 percent of the total, while sales in the under-\$25,000 price range accounted for less than two percent of all transactions.

Three bedroom homes, regardless of price range or geographic location, continue to command the largest consumer demand, according to the Realtors' report, representing more than 50 percent of the resale market.

Bank of America sets new home loan program

San Francisco — Bank of America today announced details of its new five-year variable rate home loan program which it will introduce in California on January 3.

George H. Haley, senior vice president for real estate loans, said the minimum rate for the loan initially will be one-quarter percent lower than that offered by the bank on fixed rate home loans.

Over the life of the loan, Haley said, the rate may increase by no more than 2 2/1 percentage points above the original rate, although there will be no limit on the amount it may be reduced.

In reviewing loans every five years, the bank will use a California index compiled semi-annually by the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of San Francisco. A rate change may be made, following a rate review, when the spread (or difference) between the customer's current loan rate and the applicable FHLB index has increased or decreased by more than one-quarter percent from the original spread on the loan.

"Our bank has advocated the five-year rate review concept for some time," said Haley. "It will allow us to better match the maturities of assets (loans) and liabilities (deposits and other borrowed money) and maintain a reasonable spread between them."

"The new five-year variable rate program

should help to insure continued availability of funds for home real estate loans," he continued, "because the resulting improvement in earnings stability will make these loans a more attractive asset for the bank to hold."

Rate adjustments will be made in multiples of one-quarter percent, with the change not to exceed the change in the spreads, Haley said. If the rate is adjusted, the borrower's monthly principal and interest payment also will be adjusted unless, in the case of a rate increase, the borrower elects to extend the maturity of the loan. The borrower may extend the maturity of the loan to a maximum of 40 years, which may reduce or eliminate any increase in his or her monthly principal and interest payment.

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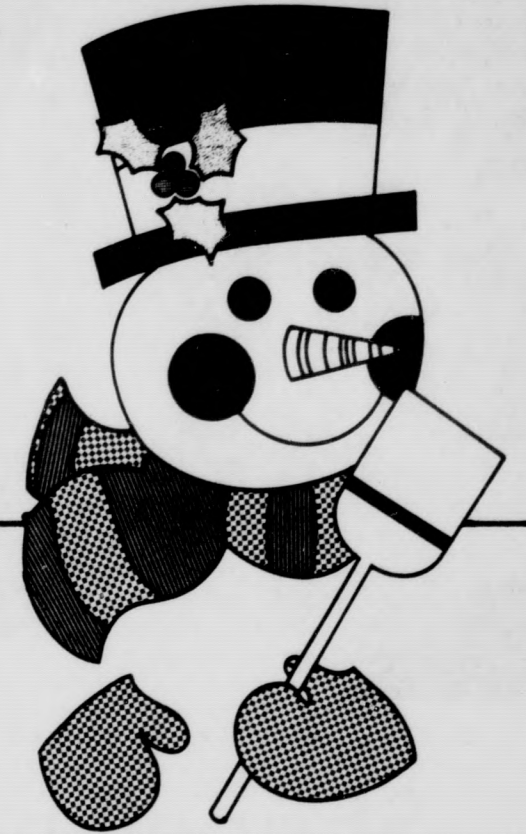
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We wish to thank
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The entries were excellent and
judging was not an easy task.



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150 North L. St., Livermore
1st: Debbie Lim, 8 yrs.
2nd: Brad Ellis, 8 yrs.
3rd: David Frank, 11 yrs.

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7667 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin
1st: Allan Hermansen, 10 yrs.
2nd: Todd Utikal, 5 yrs.
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385 Livermore Ave., Livermore
1st: Jill Stefani, 12 yrs.
2nd: Brian Esser, 7 yrs.
3rd: Marisa Milanese, 5 yrs.

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1536 First St., Livermore
1st: Carrie Roos, 11 yrs.
2nd: Meredith Jewhey, 8 yrs.
3rd: Heidi Brandl, 4 yrs.

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2nd: Cindy & Peggy Vesperman, 12 & 9 yrs.
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2nd: Debbie Dawson, 4 yrs.
3rd: Krissy Molenda, 5 yrs.

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2nd: Doreen Robertson, 5 1/2 yrs.
3rd: Kim Rose, 10 yrs.

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2nd: Jeanette Manor, 10 yrs.
3rd: Theresa Illingworth, 9 yrs.

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3rd: Kristen Anderson, 5 yrs.

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1st: Greg Pron, 8 yrs.
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3rd: Debbie Doggett, 8 yrs.

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2nd: Janine Boddington, 8 yrs.
3rd: Jimmie Mazrmas, 6 1/2 yrs.

United California Brokers

1989 First St., Livermore
1st: Debbie Doggett, 8 yrs.
2nd: Marisa Milanese, 5 yrs.
3rd: Brian McDonald, 11 yrs.



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Real Estate



The Newport is priced at \$94,000, with three bedrooms.

Shapell names its planner top architect

Jim Leland has been appointed Architectural Coordinator of Shapell Industries of Northern California, Inc., a leading California home builder, it was announced by Jim Ghilmetti, president and director of the firm.

Leland comes to Shapell with seven years of planning and design experience, having served with the San Jose Planning Department since 1970. In that capacity, Leland reviewed building and development plans, both residential and commercial, for the city of San Jose, during that period.

This experience, he feels, has given him the necessary background to coordinate the architectural planning for Shapell Industries. His job, as he puts it, involves "being the focal point between Shapell Industries and the outside architects we hire to design our homes."

To this end, he is constantly in touch with the various directors of Shapell, as well as conferring with architects, and reviewing plans and finished drawings, in addition to

checking the finished products — the Shapell home.

At Shapell, Leland indicates, "we use the team approach in making decisions, and this carries through to decisions like what type of house we want to build, and what special amenities we want to offer to our home buyers."

Accordingly, Leland spends a great deal of his time meeting with marketing and construction directors at Shapell in an effort to determine new designs for their single family homes.

The trend these days, he says, is to offer such amenities as vaulted ceilings in the living room, spiral staircases, atriums and exposed beams. "At Tamarack," he says, "Our latest development in Fremont, we're offering several new 'old fashioned' styles including Old Montera, Spanish, Tudor and English Country homes."

"Shapell has always been the frontrunner in offering amenities," says Leland. "Since the early '70's, we've strived to build more dramatic, more elegant homes."

Leland is dedicated to his profession. In fact, he's so avid about it, he looks at houses in his spare time.

He graduated from Texas Tech in 1970, with a B.A. in architecture. Since moving to the Bay Area, he and his wife, Eve, have had one child, Jennifer, and have another one on the way.

A jogger, Leland tries to run from five to ten miles a day, explaining, "it's good exercise, and I like to go out alone and think."

"As far as my new job is concerned," says Leland, "I'm extremely happy about working with Shapell." He feels the directors are very receptive to ideas, an attitude which he finds conducive to creativity and better organization.

Shapell Industries of Northern California is responsible for such elegant and far-sighted single-family home subdivisions as Tamarack in Fremont, Rancho Ramon Fairway Series in San Ramon, and Quimby Hills and Woodcreek, both in San Jose.

Top builders earn awards

L.B. "Woody" Pereira, president of the Associated Building Industry's Eastern Division, recently honored two of his own when he presented dual 1977 President's Awards for outstanding service to the division. Receiving the honors at the annual awards night in Berkeley were Frank Greenlee and Bob Silva.

Greenlee of Likit Windows served the division as its Spike Club (membership) chairman. Pereira saluted Greenlee's efforts in recruitment of new members and said membership is the life blood of a successful organization.

Silva of Genges / McCormick Consulting Engineers was honored for his legislative and local affairs work for the division, which serves homebuilders in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties. Pereira complimented Silva on the long hours the awardee put in keeping members informed of new state and local governmental trends affecting the industry.

The division also honored two 25-year members. Silver anniversary members are Val Betti Plumbing & Heating and Transamerica Title. Also cited by the division were attending past presidents Al Lockwood, 1953; Art Strand, 1965-'66; Ray Lehmkuhl, 1969; Bob Carrau, 1974; and Randy Smith, 1975.

Broadmoor additions



Buzz Martin, 39, has been named director of construction for Broadmoor Homes, Inc. Martin has been director of operations for the Bren Company. He resides with his family in Danville.



Donald Frederickson, 39, has been named project manager for Broadmoor Homes. Frederickson was director of engineering for the Robert Grant and Barclay Hollander Curci building firms.

Top seller at Seabridge by Broadmoor

The Newport, a three bedroom, two and a half bath home at Seabridge in Redwood Shores appears to be one of the more popular plans according to spokesmen for Broadmoor Homes.

Focal point upon entering the Newport is a fireplace located in the corner of the step-down living room. Sliding glass doors of both the living room and adjacent dining room open to a full-length patio with built-in storage.

Separating the dining room and family room is the kitchen with General Electric appliances which include a labor saving trash compactor among the most modern of contemporary built-ins.

Furniture finished hardwood cabinets are complemented by ceramic tile counter tops and a luminous ceiling provides even lighting.

Adjacent to the lower level power room is an indoor laundry room readied for immediate washer and dryer hookup. Through the utility area is immediate access to the garage which as a built-in storage compartment a step above the auto area.

Above, double-doors open to the master suite with its sloped ceiling and private deck.

In the master suite dressing area are double vanities of cubitured marble topped by plate glass mirrors and shadow-free soffited lighting. Baths feature over-sized oval tub and shower surrounded by ceramic tile wainscot and enclosed by doors of sliding glass.

The secondary upstairs bedrooms, each with lengths of closet space, share a full bath. A spacious linen closet is located in the hallway.

Seabridge homes offer three plans with 1,583 to 1956 square feet. Priced from \$94,000 to \$125,000 each is designed with a premium view of either the waterways and/or the community.

Seabridge residents have their own recreation facilities including tennis court, swimming pool and hydrospa.

At completion, one-third of the total area will be interlaced with waterways and parks.

Seabridge may be reached by taking the Bayshore Freeway to the Ralston Avenue/Marine World Parkway exit east. Follow the signs to the Seabridge Sales office at Redwood Shores.

MERRY Christmas

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May your holidays be blessed with lots of joy-filled moments... and much love. Have a happy Christmas day!

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to all of you from all of us
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SEASONS GREETINGS

All of us at Estate Realtors wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and the best of luck in the New Year.

Ralph Amy	Sue Ludwick
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Real Estate

Few left in SRV project

Only a baker's dozen remain for sale at Rancho Ramon Fairway, the exclusive Shapell Industries, Inc. housing development in Contra Costa County.

Bordering the picturesque Alamo Hills, the development offers the privacy and prestige that homeowners dream of. There are just a few choice Fairway lots left.

"These homes have sold amazingly fast," says Stan Cook, vice president of marketing and sales with Shapell. "The site is popular because of its proximity to schools and shopping centers and the luxury amenities included in the package are almost unheard of these days."

Rancho Ramon consists of six models, including three one-story homes, one split-level, and two two-story units. The homes have three, four, and five bedrooms; two or three baths; and feature a wide range of extras included in the price range of \$92,950 to \$116,950.

Exclusive amenities include a cedar shake or Spanish tile roof per plan, ceramic tile foyer, wall-to-wall carpeting, custom fireplace, spacious walk-in closets in the master bedroom suites, double ovens — one microwave and one self-cleaning, dishwasher, disposal, ceramic tile kitchen counter top, luminous kitchen ceiling, and full fencing with gate. All models have a three-car garage.

Government Rules Hike Home Costs—Economist

SAN FRANCISCO — A major factor in the sharp increases in new home prices is the "rising array of government regulations for land developers, homebuilders, financial institutions, and all others involved in the housing industry," the Director of the Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University in St. Louis said at a conference this week.

Dr. Murray L. Weidenbaum, who was Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury for Economic Policy from 1969 to 1971, was the speaker at a luncheon closing a two-day conference on "The Cost of Housing," sponsored by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco.

"Government regulation often has yielded important benefits — in terms of less pollution, fewer product hazards, reduced job discrimination, and other socially desirable objectives," Dr. Weidenbaum stated.

"It should also be realized that these government programs were established in response to rising public expectations about business performance. But the worthiness of these social objectives should not make the specific methods being used in attempting to achieve them totally

immune from criticism," he continued.

Citing various housing cost studies, Dr. Weidenbaum pointed out that meeting new government requirements adds between \$1,500 and \$2,500 to the price of a new house. In addition, overly stringent or outdated building codes account for 5 to 10 percent of the total unit costs, he said.

"Government leadership — at Federal, state, and local levels — needs to take a dramatically different view of the regulatory mechanism than it does now," Dr. Weidenbaum added.

"Rather than relying on regulations to control in detail every facet of private behavior, the regulatory device needs to be seen as a very powerful tool to be used reluctantly, and with great care and discretion. The emphasis should be placed upon identifying the least costly and most effective means of achieving social objectives," he said.

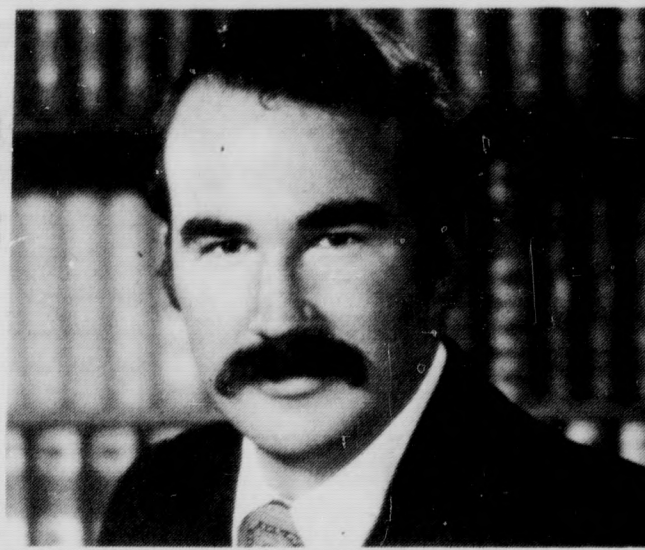
In remarks given earlier, Dr. Donald M. Kaplan, Chief Economist and Director of the Office of Economic Research, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, challenged the popular view that the average American family is being priced out of the housing market.

"An impression has been created in the minds of many that some new type of Federal subsidy program might be necessary to make homeownership once more affordable to the average American family," he stated.

"An alternative point of view is that, although homeownership affordability for median-income families has declined somewhat in recent years, no special Governmental action, in the form of some type of new middle-income-oriented housing subsidy program, is needed," he continued.

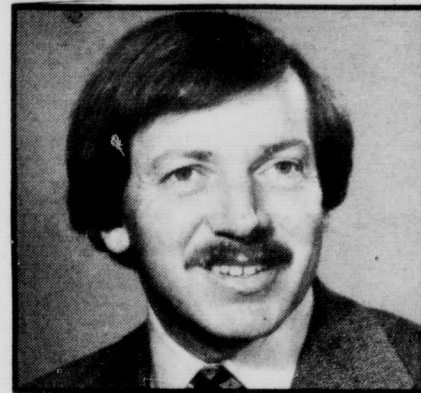
"The serious housing problem that exists in this country lies with lower income groups, and here the problem is probably more one of income than of housing," he stated.

Dr. Kaplan outlined several "private sector adjustment options" that might alleviate or reduce declines in affordability, including purchasing an existing rather than a new home; using rental housing for a longer period of time; developing more energy-efficient homes; allocating a higher percentage of disposable family income to housing; increasing the incidence of both spouses working; and improving builder productivity in housing construction.



Joseph Raphael has become forward planning manager for Kaufman & Broad in Northern California, concentrating land purchase in Contra Costa and Solano counties.

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MEET THE EXPERT

1977 has been quite a year for Jim Drush of Harris Realty Company in Pleasanton! In his first 10 months as a Harris Realty Associate, Jim has participated in an unbelievable \$2,000,000 in residential business. In his first year as a Realtor-Associate, Jim has balanced his successful real estate activity along with his involvement in family and community activities. Jim, his wife Joy, & 3 children Joanna, Keith & Michael, have lived in Pleasanton since 1970. Prior to entering real estate, Jim has devoted the last 7 years to a successful career in sales and in local, state & national politics. A former campaign manager for several district elections, Jim is currently President of the Tri-Valley Republican Assembly. A specialist in helping people, Jim looks forward to an even more successful 1978. Congratulations to a real expert!!

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Ann Landers

Trust Needs To Be Regained

Dear Ann Landers: What can you do when you are a teenage girl and your parents have lost all trust in you just because of one party?

All of this "no trust" started two weeks ago at my best friend's house. Brenda (not her real name) is a neat kid. Her parents are very nice, too. But they came home a lot earlier than expected the night of this party. One of the boys was throwing up in the kitchen sink when they walked in. (Another dude had heaved on the living room rug but we cleaned it up very nicely with soda pop. They noticed it anyway.)

Brenda's dad said he smelled pot and told everyone to go home. Unfortunately, one of the girls left her pipe behind and that was the "evidence."

I do not smoke dope, but I did have a few sips of beer. Not being much of a drinker, it got to me and I was laughing a lot and acting silly. Brenda's mother drove me home, woke up my parents and said, "Here is your daughter. She got drunk at our house tonight and we are sorry."

I am 14 years old and have been grounded for six months. I can't go anywhere except to school and church and to a movie with a girl friend on Saturday afternoon. My mom takes us down and picks us up. I feel like I am in jail. How can I regain the trust of my parents? — In Chains

Dear Chains: The only way to regain lost confidence is by performance. Show your parents you can be trusted by honoring the rules and regulations that have been set up. Don't try to cut any corners or get away with anything.

If after four months you have a perfect record, ask if you can be "on parole for the remaining 60 days." If they say no, accept the full stretch. If they say yes, do everything you can to prove to them that you have learned your lesson and you will then earn their trust. Good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: I hope you will print this. A lot of folks need to know how to speak to a person

who is wearing a hearing aid.

Of course, it is natural to assume that a person who wears an aid is hard of hearing, but why don't folks realize that the aid amplifies the sound and it's not one bit helpful when someone screams in their ears?

Screaming can cause nervousness and discourage the use of the aid. It is much more helpful if a person will speak more slowly and enunciate his words.

Please put this in your column. It would mean a lot. — Still Trembling In Tallahassee

Dear T.: Here it is. I hope it helps. And now I have a suggestion. Why don't you hard-of-hearing folks who get hollered at clip this column, carry it with you and hand it to the offending parties at the appropriate moment? I can say it more easily than you — and no one will be offended. In fact, a real friend will appreciate the information.

CONFIDENTIAL To Want To Get It Straight: Marjorie Holmes' lovely poem, "A Prayer for Cross Mothers," appears in the book "I've Got To Talk to Somebody, God," available in paperback from Bantam.

LEGAL NOTICE

FILED DEC 6 1977 RENE C. DAVIDSON County Clerk By /s/ P. Forsythe Deputy FILE NO. 25322 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person is doing business as: Health Education Associates at 3289 Royall Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566. Bette B. Felton 4920 Blackbird Drive Pleasanton, CA 94566 Joyce M. Berger 3289 Royall Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by a general partnership. /s/ Joyce M. Berger This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above. CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office. Dated Dec. 6, 1977. Rene C. Davidson County Clerk By /s/ P. Forsythe Deputy, County Clerk Legal PT-VT 2908 Publish Dec. 11, 18, 25, 1977 & Jan. 1, 1978

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA No. H-08073-8 Department No. 30 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, CHARLOTTE Y. MORRIS, Executor of the Estate of RAYMOND E. MORRIS, also known as RAYMOND EDWARD MORRIS, deceased, to all persons having claims against the said decedent, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice, to either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, or present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned, at the Law Offices of WM. H. GALE, JR. and LEE J. AMARAL, LAW CORPORATION, 62 West Neal Street, Pleasanton, Alameda County, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate. Executor of the Estate of RAYMOND E. MORRIS, also known as RAYMOND EDWARD MORRIS, deceased. Dated at Pleasanton, California, the 28th day of November, 1977. WM. H. GALE, JR. LEE J. AMARAL, LAW CORPORATION 62 West Neal Street Pleasanton, CA 94566 Telephone: 846-2876 Attorneys for Estate Legal PT-VT 2902 Publish December 4, 11, 18, 25, 1977

USE REPORT OF FEDERAL FUNDS as authorized by the PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1976 Title II, as amended (anti-recession) STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1972, as amended. (general revenue sharing) ANTI-RECESSION FISCAL ASSISTANCE The Government of the City of Pleasanton has used its anti-recession fiscal assistance funds for the fiscal year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977 as follows: (Section C) Functional Categories Financial and General Administration Current Expenses \$20,671 Capital Outlay None

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING A summary of the enacted Annual Budget showing the intended uses of Federal General Revenue Sharing for the year ending June 30, 1978 and a complete copy of the Survey of Federal General Revenue Sharing and Anti-recession Fiscal Assistance Expenditures and supporting data for the fiscal year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977 is available at the City Finance Department, 200 Bernal Avenue, during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday to Friday, for public inspection. /s/ Clayton E. Brown Chief Executive Officer City Manager (415) 846-3202 December 20, 1977 Legal PT VT 2919 Publish December 25, 1977

Miles to go

California motorists will log some two billion highway miles this Christmas weekend delivering their own holiday gifts and goodies, the California Highway Patrol predicts.

And the National Weather Service says the going should be easy most of the weekend. Snow showers could cause some problems in the Sierra, however.

Skiers will have their sites on the new snows dumped on the mountains in the past few days.

"If you tried to script the ski picture for the Christmas weekend, you couldn't have a better picture," said Mark Gerstle of the California State Automobile Association.

Forecasters predicted new snow in the Sierra early Friday, with clearing expected to begin late in the day or early Saturday and continuing throughout the weekend.

At lower elevations, some rain was expected to continue Friday, with clearing skies late Saturday and Sunday.

LA disease

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two of nine known cases of Legionnaire's Disease have ended in death at Veterans Administration Hospital in West Los Angeles since last May.

Dr. Earl Gordon, the hospital's chief of staff, said he did not consider the incidence of the pneumonia-like disease an outbreak or an epidemic. He said no special precautions were being taken against what doctors described as a treatable malady.

Those who died, hospital officials said, had complications related to the illness.

Models ready in San Leandro

Models will soon be completed at Washington Square, a Shapell Industries of Northern California housing development in San Leandro, says Stan Cook, vice president of marketing and sales for Shapell.

"Washington Square's five model homes are approximately 50 percent completed now and we're tentatively scheduling a grand opening for mid-January," says Cook.

The detached, single-family homes will feature five models, with three elevations each. One-story, two-story, tri-level plans will be available with three or four bedrooms and up to three full baths. The homes are sizeable, ranging from 1600 to over 2400 square feet in area. Exclusive amenities include ceramic tile entry; two ovens, one self-cleaning and one microwave; wood-burning fireplace; complete fencing; and a "bonus" room.

"The bonus room in these homes is very special," says Cook. "Families can really use imagination in the utilization of the room and they'll appreciate the extra space it gives them to spread out."

Both shake and tile roofs will be available per plan, some with balconies and courtyard entrances. The prices of the homes will fall into the low \$90,000's range.

Washington Square is in San Leandro just minutes north of Hayward on Halcyon Drive, near Washington Avenue. Southland Mall, Bart and other local

centers are within close proximity.

To reach Washington Square, take Highway 17 to Washington Avenue, then Washington Avenue to Halcyon Drive.

Shapell has built more than 30,000 homes throughout California. Other developments in the Bay area include Greenbrae, in Mil-

pitas, Orchard IV and Brandywine, both in San Jose, and Rancho Ramon in San Ramon.

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Merry Christmas

In the spirit of this holiday that abounds a special Merry Christmas to all the Santas around.

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STAR GUIDE If you're an astrology buff, you won't want to start your day without consulting the "Astrograph" by Bernice Bede Osol. It's in the stars.

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GENERAL OFFICE NOEL
The KELLY staff joins in wishing you a Happy Holiday! (All 16 Bay Area offices will be open Dec. 27 thru Dec. 30).

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Part-time. Secretarial exp. required. Medical office exp. help. Send letter and resume to P.O. Box 2992, Livermore 94550.

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WINDOW CLEANER: Over 18 with car. Male or female. Call after 5 p.m. 455-5588. Ask for Dean.

31. Part-time & Temporary
RETAIL SALES
Ambitious persons who want to earn but who can only work part time. Opportunity for good extra income. Assistance given. Call Mel (6:30 p.m.) 447-2425. ME & Associates.

32. Salespeople
CONSIDER US!!
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33. Employment Agencies
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36. Employment Wanted
BABYSITTING in my Pleasanton Meadows home. Full time or drop-ins welcome. 846-5953.

BABYSITTING in my home. Any age. 828-0366 or 828-4664.

LIVESTOCK, PETS
37. Pets & Services
FOUND: Small blk. & wh. rabbit. VIC: Pleasanton Meadows. Please call 846-9102.

FREE Irish Setter Mix. Male, gentle, intelligent, needs companionship. Call 447-5208.

FREE must part w/v sweet docile, sm. beagle looking female dog. Excel. w/kids. Free to loving home. 443-5948.

FREE to good home: 5 dogs all ages and breeds. Call 447-1860 or 846-5776.

FREE to good home: 2 puppies, 7 weeks old. Call 846-2948.

37. Pets & Services

FREE: female spayed Golden Retriever/Lab. 846-4502.

KITTEN: pure white, male. About 2 1/2 months old. Would make a lovely Xmas gift. Call 846-3049.

STOP!
Wonder what for Xmas? Singing finch, blk. & wht. hooded nun, Zebra, Weavers. Reasonable. 846-2331 (eves. & weekends)

5 KITTENS. FREE TO GOOD HOME. 447-1860 or 846-5776.

38. Horses
FLASHY PINTO mare for experienced rider. Reasonable to good home. Call 443-7185.

YEAR END SALE!! Horses \$125 up. Colts \$35 up. Ponies \$15 up. Eng. & West. saddles used \$25 up. new \$59 up + loads of new & used tack! Anything down holds layaway. We take trades in. 10730 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley, near 680, Open 7 days, 537-0120.

MERCHANDISE
44. Camera Supplies
CASH for your used photo equip. We trade in too. Sorry no phone est. Call 455-8944 (after 5)

PHOTO CENTER
1325 Main Street, Walnut Creek

45. Antiques
CABINET, DESK, CHAIRS, hall-tree, dry sink, tables, dressers, old bottles, & much more. 829-5291.

47. Television & Stereo
TWO REALISTIC Nova-7B, oiled walnut speakers. Orig. \$120/ea. Sacrifice \$155 for both. Excellent condition. 447-2405.

McCurley FLOOR COVERING
Carpet, Linoleum, Ceramic Tile
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FREE ESTIMATES
828-9660

48. Home Furnishings
BEDS BEDS BEDS
Brand new irregulars, mismatch odds & ends, hundreds in stock, all sizes of soft, medium, firm, extra firm. 4 Bay Area mattress makers ship us their irregulars just for this event. MISMATCH sets-twins \$39.00, fulls \$49.00, MATCHED SETS Twin \$49.00, fulls \$59.00, Queen \$59. Kings \$110. MATTRESS ONLY-Twins \$25-\$44, Fulls \$30-\$53, Queens \$55 to \$75, Kings \$75 to \$115. WE GUARANTEE: NO INTERNAL DAMAGE. Problems so minor we'll need to point them out. Bank cards O.K. OPEN Weekdays 11-8 p.m., Sat. 10-5 p.m., closed Sun.

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50. Articles For Sale
ARC WELDER / 225 amp. \$89.95. Gas weld & cut outfit \$99.00. Cylinders on sale. York Welder Supply, 6343 Scarlett Ct., Dub., 828-2071 582-3955

MOTORCYCLE HELMET: Bellstar, Orig. \$70, asking \$40. Strolch chair converts to high chair, carriage, rocker, etc. Orig. \$250, asking \$75. 829-0599.

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50. Articles For Sale

OFFICE DESK, L-shaped, good condition. \$125. 455-9020 aft. 6 pm.

XMAS SPECIAL. Harris Deluxe Outfit, \$114. Harris Starter Outfit, \$99. 1 set customer owned cylinders 122 & no. 4. 167 HEATH'S WELDING SUPPLY 6743 Dublin Blvd. No. 30. 829-5511.

55. Musical Instruments
CONN 12 string guitar with case \$200. Call 455-8944 (after 5)

DRUM SET
4 piece, excel. Ludwig snare, symbols, high hat, plus more! Sacrifice at \$275.

ALSO: 2 Rogers Tom Toms and floor mount stand. \$75. Call Nancy at 846-4088 (aft. 6)

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63. Money to Loan
CALL US LAST!
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LUSH
Landscaping with patio and trees, SPACIOUS family room with fireplace, huge living room, man sized kitchen and 3 dramatic bedrooms, \$69,950.

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All terms included in this home that has large lot, new carpeting, fresh paint inside & out. Come and see me today!! \$58,950

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73. Rooms for Rent

ROOM FOR RENT
Prefer older woman. 846-2065.

80. Homes for Rent
DUBLIN 4 bedroom, 2 bath, freshly painted, new cpts., \$345/mo. Agent 829-4222.

DUBLIN: Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large family Rm., on court near schools & shopping. \$350/mo. 829-4539.

83. Rest Homes
FOUR VACANCY'S at Livermore State Lic. Care Home. For adults. Call 443-1041 or 846-8930.

REAL ESTATE
85. Information & Announcements
All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Housing Act of 1968, as amended, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Young American Realtors
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LIVERMORE
ADDED CARPORT & Solarium 3 bdrm., 2 bath, fam. rm., 2-car gar; all new carpets, drapes, tile entry. Big corner lot. Fruit trees, shade & roses. Doctor's home. **GREEN THUMB** Nursery, 2.5 ac., chain link fence, live-in house, operate nursery, vehicle storage. All utilities. Creek setting, cute bridge. 50x75 Lath Bldg: 12x24 storage. \$55,250.

LIGHT INDUSTRY 8,000 ft. Bldg: 3.5 acres, all utilities; 3 phase, 220 volt; 2,000 amps. In county, vacant. Early occupancy. **CHIROPRACTORS OFFICE.** Completely furnished, long est. business by 2 doctors. Big parking lot.

ALL LEASED BLDG. 5,000 ft. exel. loc. Lots of parking. Price open.

FUTURE MOTEL ROW 150 Ac. prime North Front Location. \$1,500,000 or make offers.

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Next year you'll be glad you bought this large 4 or 5 bedroom 2304 sq. ft. home with all the extras plus, large corner lot! \$97,500.

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CONDOS
LIV. - Duplex, 2 bdrm., cpts., drps., adults, No pets. \$225/mo. Avail. now. Lease. 242 No. K St. 455-6227.

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PLEAS. 1st time rental, exec. type. Beautiful 2 bdrm., 2 bath. Completely furnished. \$550/mo. AB PROPERTY MGMT. Open 9 a.m. daily. 846-8119.

DUB. - 3 bdrm., 2 bath home. Super sharp. \$355/mo. Ask for Mike Friddle. 829-4300.

DUB. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, enclosed yard, stove, refrig., cpts., drapes. Close to schools. \$385/mo. Call 828-5908.

DUB. Sharp 3 bdrm., 2 bath home. Echo Park. \$350/mo. Ask for Jim Hopp. 462-2885.

DUB. Sharp 3 bdrm., 2 bath, lg. fam. rm. On court - near schools & shopping. \$350/mo. 829-4539.

DUB. 4 bdrm., 2 bath, shake roof, quiet court. \$375/mo. VINTAGE REALTY, Ron Santos. 462-2885 or (916) 644-3917.

LIV. - 3 bdrm., 2 bath. Somerset area. \$375/mo. AB PROPERTY MGMT. Open 9 a.m. daily. 846-8119.

LIV. 4 bdrm., 2 bath, frpic., lg. yard, small pets OK. Somerset area. \$375/mo. UNITED CALIFORNIA BROKERS. 829-2800.

LIV. Real sharp. 2 bdrm., 1 bath. \$350/mo. AB PROPERTY MGMT. Open 9 a.m. daily. 846-8119.

LIV. 5 bdrm., 2 bath, pool, air, 2300 ft. \$475/mo. AGENT. 447-2440.

LIV. Avail. Jan. 1. Beautiful 2 bdrm., 1 bath home on 1/4 acre. \$290/mo. Call 829-2800.

LIV. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, vacant. Rhonewood Park. Kids OK, NO pets! \$375/mo. Call AGENT, 455-9569.

LIV. 3 bdrm., 2 bath. \$295/mo. AB PROPERTY MGMT. Open 9 a.m. daily. 846-8119.

LIV. Super Sunset home. Granada area. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, cpts., drapes, extra large fam. rm. \$350/mo. 846-0562.

LIV. Sunset area. 3 bdrm., 2 bath. \$335/mo. AB PROPERTY MGMT. Open 9 a.m. daily. 846-8119.

LIV. Beautiful 4 bdrm., home w/cathedral ceilings, frpic. \$360/mo. 443-0386 or 447-8686.

LIV. Freshly painted 3 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath home. 1 car garage covered patio. \$300/mo. No pets. Avail. now. MOLZ REALTY. 829-2800.

PLEAS. Avail. Jan. 1. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, super clean, super area, air cond. \$150 sec., 1st & last. \$410/mo. Call HARRIS REALTY 846-5900.

PLEAS. 3 bdrm., 2 1/2 bath, executive home. Immed. occupancy. Pleas. Heights. \$450/mo. CENTURY 21 GASLAMP. 846-8850.

PLEAS. Gaslamp area, 2200 sq. ft., cent. air, 4 bdrm., 2 bath, \$490/mo., \$500 sec. dep. To see call 462-5218. AGENT. 462-2885. Ask for Jim.

PLEAS. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, sharp. \$390/mo. AB PROPERTY MGMT. Open 9 a.m. daily. 846-8119.

PLEAS. - 4 bdrm., 2 bath, landscaped. \$400. AB PROPERTY MGMT. Open 9 a.m. daily. 846-8119.

PLEAS. - 3 bdrm., 2 bath home. \$400/mo. AB PROPERTY MGMT. Open 9 a.m. daily. 846-8119.

PLEAS. - Avail. Jan. 1st 3 bdrm., 2 bath, Val Vista. 1st & last. \$150 sec. dep. \$395/mo. Call HARRIS REALTY. 846-5900.

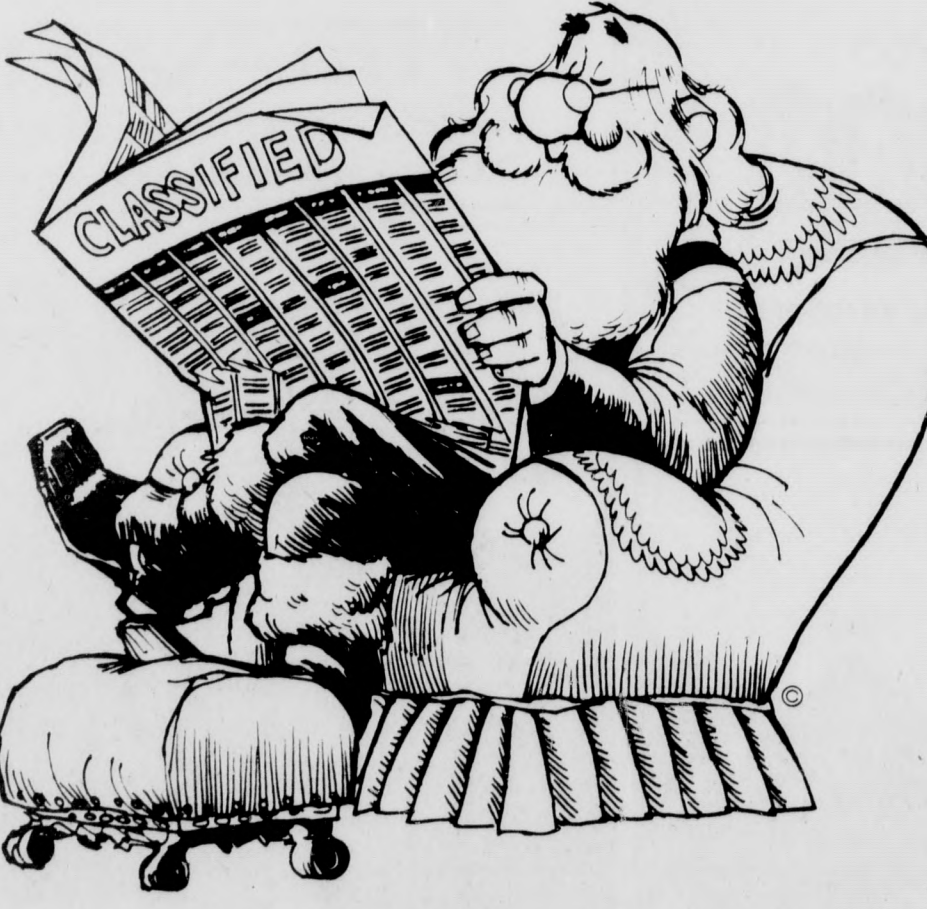
PLEAS. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, fam. rm., AEK, cpts., drapes. Good cond. \$385/mo. 934-2503.

SAN RAMON. 3246 Casa Grande Dr. 4 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath. \$350/mo. 1st & last. Sec. dep. \$100. HERITAGE GALLERY OF HOMES. 462-6060.

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TRACY. New 3 bdrm., 2 bath home, landscaped. \$290/mo. plus dep. Call 846-5569.

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GREAT STARTER HOME
Lots of potential here! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, super rampus room, patio, workshop. All for...\$40,950.

COZY AND WARM.
New Listing! Nice starter home or investor potential. New paint, 3 bedrm., 1 bath, fireplace. It's all yours...\$51,950.

GREAT LOCATION
This Jensen area home is the best buy in a 4 bedroom home in the Valley! Aluminum siding will last forever. See and buy for only \$54,500.

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IF I WERE YOU
I'd see this one today! This Tempe 1, 4 bedrm., 2 bath home is priced to sell. Choice location, all the basics. Air conditioning, decorator touches thru-out. All for only \$73,950.

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LOW ASSUMPTION
This home is super sharp and clean. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Hardwood floors with carpeting. Dog Run. Call Us Today!

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NEARLY NEW
Price reduced and terms are open on this neat 3 bedroom 2 bath home with self cleaning oven, large lot & upgraded carpets. \$54,950.

Tri-Valley BROKERS
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READY TO EXPAND
Here it is, 5 Acres almost new home. Super clean. All the room anyone would need to live and grow in. Call us NOW!

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REDUCED \$1500
Makes this an excellent buy in an established neighborhood. This home has fireplace, new linoleum, zone air conditioner, and many other features. Please call for additional information. \$58,450.

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ROUND KITCHEN
The kitchen is the center of attraction in this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with upgraded carpets and fully landscaped large lot...\$69,950.

Tri-Valley BROKERS
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START
THE NEW YEAR in a home that's better than new. MOVE IN condition and QUICK POSSESSION is available. 3 good size bedrooms, 2 baths and a huge enclosed patio. SEE IT TODAY! Price dropped to \$59,950.

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SUNSET 2-STORY
Customized 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with central air, plush carpets, super enlarged family room, formal dining and extras. Large laundry room. \$88,950.

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TWO PEOPLE LOVED HERE
This home has it's own individuality. Decorated to perfection, sleeps 4 or more! Backyard has a waterfall and pond with a screened patio. Family room has a cozy Swedish fireplace. \$57,950.

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YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, secluded entrance, covered patio. No neighbors behind you. Low, low price. Call us for details.

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AFTER CHRISTMAS BLUES?
Give yourself & your family a lift. Start the New Year right in this beautifully decorated home on cul-de-sac with fantastic park like backyard.

The Gallery of Homes
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LESS THEN 2 YR. OLD
3 bedrm. 2 bath, stepdown family room with floor to ceiling fireplace, air cond., landscaped to perfection. Located in beautiful neighborhood...\$79,950

IMMACULATELY KEPT
Home features 4 bedrm., 2 bath, formal dining, family room, upgraded plush carpeting thru out (incl. garage area), auto, sprinklers, alarm systems and much more...\$85,950.

IMMEDIATE
Possession on this upgraded "Seville" model, 4 bedrm., 2 bath, plush earthen carpet, custom drapes, formal dining, spacious kitchen and family room. Low maintenance yard features heated & filtered pool, slide, spa...\$89,950.

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NOW AND THEN
...there is an old home that you can fix up and really have something. This OLD 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is just right for your creative and creative talent. CALL TODAY! Price only \$89,950.

Village Realty
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OUT OF THE ORDINARY
This highly upgraded 3 bedrm., 2 bath home is totally unique! Nearly new. This home is situated on approx. 1/4 acre & features heated and filtered pool. Thousands of \$\$\$ worth of landscaping. RV access...\$87,950.

VINTAGE HILLS
An executive home, 4 bedrm., 2 bath, large walk-in closets, bright kitchen with pantry. Heated and filtered pool...\$94,000.

OAKHILL
Super decorated split level home with 4 bedrm., 2 baths, central air cond., beamed ceilings in living room, prof. landscaped front and rear yards with sprinklers, large redwood deck, 1/2 block to swim club...\$96,000.

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RIDGEVIEW ESTATE
Custom home now under construction with beautiful view of the Pleasanton Ridge. This beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has all the special features for REAL LIVING ENJOYMENT! Formal dining overlooking living room. Don't miss the skylight in the elegant foyer. Plans in office. Asking \$109,800.

SUPER MOTIVATION
3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining room, fireplace in family room, covered patio, neat landscaping. Move in condition...submit all offers, \$67,500.

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SANTA HAS HIS CHOICE
2 fireplaces in this charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath with colossal family room. All electric kitchen with dishwasher, formal dining, large redwood deck with view of rolling hills...\$96,500.

Tri-Valley BROKERS
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2000 SQ. FT.
Castlemont Model nestled among many trees. Step down living room. Two fireplaces, side yard access. Redwood decks, front & back. This Home is "Buy of the Year!"

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HIGHLAND OAKS BEAUTY
Mature trees, walk to Cabana Club. Lovely carpets & drapes, beautifully landscaped and very spacious. A must see \$74,950

\$50,950
Sharp 3 bedroom Townhouse. Lovely carpets and drapes, all electric kitchen, central heat and more!

HOW SWEET IT IS!
Beautiful Country Model in mint condition! Large heated pool with sweep, low maintenance yard, central vacuum, BBQ, log lighter and more \$82,500

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PLEASANTON PROPERTY PARADE
HIGH ON A HILL...pastoral view. Custom home. Immaculate! Large heated pool, redwood deck w/gas BBQ, electronic oven, electric garage door, side access, quick possession...\$99,500.
2 ACRES-2 HOMES...situated on quiet country land. Fireplace, central heat and air. Set up for horsebarns...\$200,000.

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IT'S ALL HERE
Truly a beautiful home. One of the few 2 story homes at this price. Upgraded floor coverings and custom draperies. Private upstairs master suite. Completely finished landscaping.

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PLEASANTON MEADOWS TOWNHOUSES
Call for preview appt.
These unique new townhouses are located in a beautiful Pleasanton subdivision. Priced at \$47,950 to \$55,950. Units to be completed by Jan. 15th. Choose floor coverings.

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SAN RAMON
ONE OF THE BEST
Homes on the market. Only 6 months old, many upgrades and decorated to perfection. Is air conditioned, has wet bar in family room. Garage is fully finished with workshop & there is side access. A must see at only \$95,950.

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HARRIS REALTY
OPEN SPACES
Thruout this Walnut Hills home. 3 enormous bedrooms, party size living room with wet bar, convenient indoor laundry, cool central air conditioning. WOW! What a kitchen. Long deck with a dough boy pool. \$76,500.

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SEE ME, LOVE ME
See this lovely 4 bedroom nestled in a quiet cul-de-sac, mature trees in the area give a serene feeling to this home. The covered patio offers a pleasant setting for BBQing. \$75,500.

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P.O. BOX 1212
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1 1/4 ACRES 3 bedrm., 3 ba., 2,000 sq. ft. home. 2 fireplaces, nicely landscaped, fruit & nut trees. \$92,500. 29141 Koster Rd., Tracy. Call days 823-5291, eves. 836-0180.

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Device if needed most cars 1955-1970 \$21.95 installed and certified
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5251 Shell Station
Hayward Rd. Pleasanton

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WHAT A FIND
3 luscious bedrooms, gourmet kitchen, enormous game sized family room with cozy fireplace, gang sized eating area, quiet cul-de-sac. \$71,500.

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TRACY

MOVE RIGHT IN Are you urgently in need of a home? We have one available now for immediate occupancy! Check these features and let us show it to you! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, A/E/K, central heat & air cond., and fireplace. Home is neat and clean and ready to occupy.

ANXIOUS OWNER - RIGHT PRICE - OPPORTUNITY. This owner wants ACTION and has priced the home to get it. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, A/E/K, central heat & air cond., in one of our better neighborhoods.

GOOD GRAY! The remodeled kitchen and dining area highlight this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with family room and fireplace. For the man of the house, the 2 car garage has a completely finished mechanics workbench and many cabinets. An outstanding buy.

TAKE HONORS FOR SNUGNESS: 3 bedroom, family room with fireplace, centrally located and cooled, with a covered patio. FHA/GI financing available.

VACATION IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD! 16x25 pool with redwood decking and covered patio accent this 3 bedroom home in well established neighborhood. Recently remodeled with upgraded carpeting. Excellent financing and priced right!

GREAT LOCATION Walk to everything from this lovely 3 bedroom home with large enclosed patio and adjacent storage shed.

RETIRE TO BEAUTY! If you seek country living with facilities close by, let us show you this 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 1/2 acre of walnut and fruit trees. Walk to grocery store and easy freeway access. Price slashed for prompt sale.

A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING In these extra kitchen cabinets, A/E/K 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, central heat & air cond., and patio with fruit and shade trees.

ALL CLEANED UP AND READY TO GO This 3 bedroom, 1 bath Ardmore has been freshly painted inside and is neat as a pin. It has central air and... fireplace. Priced right!

BRING YOUR GREEN THUMB To this 1 year old Greenleaf new fully landscaped front and rear with automatic sprinklers in front and automatic driveway lights and covered patio. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath with central heat and air conditioning.

BATTER UP! If your children like baseball, tennis, ect. this 3 bedroom home is located close to everything in a well tree shaded street. Walk to school, parks and church. Shopping nearby.

WHY PAY TAXES When you can own a 1536 sq. ft. practically new custom built home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central heat and air, A/E/K, and beautifully carpeted and drapes, for just \$28,500.

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